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FOREWORD

At a meeting and dinner of The Farmers' Club held at the Philadelphia Club on Feb. 21, 1918, Honorable George Gray being the host, Messrs. Effingham B. Morris, President of the Club for that year, and James Logan Fisher, its Secretary at that time, were requested to prepare for printing and publication all the records of the Club available. Mr. Fisher found himself unable to continue to discharge the duties of Secretary and resigned on Jan. 13, 1919, much to the regret of all the members.

Minutes of meetings and dinners between 1860 and 1891 were printed in 1892, but only two copies of the volume covering that period can now be found.

Since 1891 the minutes are in existence in manuscript, but unfortunately are not complete; a number of dates when dinners were given and meetings held during the past twenty-eight years are merely noted without further detailed entries.

Mention is made in 1883 that "the proceedings of the Club consist of nine volumes."

Presumably manuscript minutes are meant; but Mr. Rudulph Ellis records the fact of his inability to find them when he became Secretary of the Club upon the death of Mr. George W. Childs. The Club, therefore, has lost the official record of its meetings and dinners prior to 1860.

Language in the preface of one of the printed volumes, hereinafter reprinted, suggested however the possibility of finding references to the Club in the *Germantown Telegraph*, a well-known weekly newspaper, of which Major P. R. Freas was the owner, and also Secretary of the Club in its early years.

A file of this newspaper was finally discovered in the library of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; and, while it could not be removed from that building, 676 of its issues from 1847 to 1860 were read there in the scrutiny of its columns for references to the Farmers' Club. Quite a number were found, some of them of considerable length. These are accordingly reprinted in whole or in part. Other meetings and dinners of the Club during that period were also mentioned merely by their dates, without further detail.

A slight discrepancy seems to exist as to the date of the formation of the Club, but is readily explainable.

Mr. George Blight, one of its founders and for many years its
retary, stated according to the records that it was organized
June 1847. This ought to be conclusive evidence, although no
ntion of the Club appears in the *Germantown Telegraph* prior
1849; and in 1850 there is an account of what is described as
irst meeting. This can be reconciled by assuming that the
ners and meetings alluded to by Mr. Blight in 1847 and 1848
e forerunners of the formal establishment of the Club in 1849.
At all events the Club has now attained a respectable longevity
at least seventy years of recorded life—following perhaps a
per period in agricultural embryo.

As the years went on the social pleasures of the meetings and
ners rather overshadowed—so far as the records go—the
hnical features which were formerly also recorded with
al fidelity in the earlier times.

But the present members have quite as great and as keen a
ctical interest in the problems and pleasures of farming as had
ir predecessors.

It is an interesting fact that the individual holdings of the
sent members are probably greater now in acreage than were
se of the founders of the Club, or of members during any period
its existence; ranging now from a few acres—as it is recorded
y likewise did in early years—up to over one thousand; with
ying sized farms between these limits. The total now owned
the twelve members is over 5,000 acres.

It is interesting also to reflect that the Club has witnessed and
recorded the introduction and growth in use of practically all
dern agricultural machinery. Its life is also almost con-
poraneous with the development of railroad transportation,
ich has so materially altered the agricultural conditions of
country.

It was thought worthy of record in the Club's minutes at its
eption that railroads were not numerous, and that they afforded
little convenience to local travel.

Mr. Blight therefore notes the presence of horses and carriages
quite a feature of the meetings. "The usual hour of arrival
mid-day," he says, "and dinner was served at three o'clock,
ause as members had long distances to drive they left by
ht o'clock, returning home by the light of the moon."

For this reason the fixed date for the monthly dinners was the

MEMBERS OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

FROM 1847 TO 1919

MR. GEORGE BLIGHT 1847
MR. DAVID LANDRETH 1847
DR. ALFRED L. ELWYN 1847
MR. JAMES GOWEN 1847
MAJOR P. R. FREAS 1847
MR. OWEN SHERIDAN 1847
MR. JAMES S. HUBER 1847
MR. ALGERNON S. ROBERTS 1847
MR. CHARLES W. HARRISON 1847
MR. SAMUEL C. FORD 1847
MR. ISAAC S. PEARSON 1847
MR. CHARLES KELLY 1849
HONORABLE MORTON MCMICHAEL 1849
GENERAL ROBERT PATTERSON 1849
MR. JOHN S. HAINES 1852
DR. JAMES A. MCCREA 1854
MR. CASPER W. SHARPLES 1855
MR. SAMUEL V. MERRICK 1856
MR. FREDERICK FRALEY 1856
DR. LEWIS TWADDELL 1857
HONORABLE CRAIG BIDDLE 1859
MR. HARRY INGERSOLL 1859
DR. EDWARD PEACE 1860
DR. CHARLES KING 1860
DR. JOHN BIDDLE 1860
MR. WILMER CANNELL 1860
MR. W. HAYWARD DRAYTON 1865
DR. WILLIAM CAMAC 1867
MR. WILLIAM G. MOOREHEAD 1867
MR. SAMUEL M. FELTON 1867

Honorable Asa Packer....1871
Mr. G. Dawson Coleman....1871
Mr. Frank A. Comly....1871
Honorable John Welsh....1871
Mr. Samuel J. Reeves....1872
Honorable J. Donald Cameron....1876
Colonel Thomas A. Scott....1876
Honorable Henry Green....1878
Colonel James Duffy....1881
Mr. Joseph Patterson....1883
Mr. George W. Childs....1884
Mr. George B. Roberts....1886
Mr. Elisha P. Wilbur....1886
Mr. John R. Fell....1886
Mr. Clement A. Griscom....1887
Mr. Alexander J. Cassatt....1888
Mr. Rudulph Ellis....1892
Honorable Wayne MacVeagh....1893
Colonel Edward Morrell....1895
Mr. Thomas McKean....1896
Mr. Frank Thomson....1897
Mr. James Logan Fisher....1898
Mr. Charles C. Harrison....1900
Mr. George F. Baer....1901
Mr. James McCrea....1907
Mr. Edward T. Stotesbury....1907
Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler....1907
Mr. Clement B. Newbold....1911
Mr. Effingham B. Morris....1912
Mr. Samuel Rea....1914
Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoll....1914
Mr. Charles Biddle....1915
Honorable George Gray....1915
Honorable Philander C. Knox....1915
Mr. B. Dawson Coleman....1917

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THE "GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1849

PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING AGRICULTURE

A stated meeting of the Society was held at its rooms, Washington Hall, South Third street, on Wednesday morning last. The attendance was better than at any stated meeting for the last two years, Mr. Samuel C. Ford, one of the Vice-Presidents, occupying the chair in the absence of Dr. Elwyn, the President.

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The Society adjourned, after a long and interesting session, to meet again on the first Wednesday morning of December, at 11 o'clock, when, it is expected, the Committee on Reform will make a report, and when, it is earnestly hoped, a general meeting of the members will take place. It is understood that the Committee will consider the subject of the formation of a *Farmers' Club*, in connection with the Society.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1850

The first regular meeting of the Farmers' Club took place on the sixth instant at the farm of Samuel C. Ford, Esq., at Olney, in Bristol Township. The Club was formally organised by the adoption of Rules for its government, and the appointment of George Blight, Esq., as President, for one year, and P. R. Freas as Secretary for the same period.

The Club is auxiliary to the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, its members being also members of said Society. At present the number of its members is twelve.

The Olney Farm is a well managed plantation, and is highly productive. The soil appears to be fertile, having been put by the present proprietor into a state of high cultivation. Many improvements, in draining and reclaiming, have been introduced with marked benefit.

There is a fine garden upon the premises in which is combined ıe ornamental and useful—while the cultivation of fruit seems to ave been attended to with more than the ordinary care and solici- ude. We saw apple trees there that have been bearing for several ears, thrifty and full-bearing, which were planted at the same ime or in the same year with other apple trees in this vicinity; ›ut the latter are small and stinted, and have not yet borne a ngle apple. The difference, of course, consisted in the care ›wed at planting, and the judicious culture since.

Olney Farm comprises 103 acres, well enclosed, 70 of which are n cultivation, the remainder being pleasure-ground, wood and ›asture. The yield for 1849, was as follows:—14 acres of wheat, 390 bushels; three acres of oats, 120 bushels; 9½ acres potatoes, 1750 bushels; 11 acres of corn, 750 bushels; 31½ acres of grass, 35 tons of hay. There are six or seven horses, including carriage ıorses, five or six cows, twenty hogs, etc., kept on the farm.

The details which have been exhibited to us, show, not only the ›ystematic manner in which the farm is conducted, but the really ›onsiderable revenue which it must "af-ford" our friend.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, September 4, 1850

The Farmers' Club, held its regular monthly meeting at the house of David Landreth, Esq., near Bristol, Bucks County, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The President, George Blight, Esq., and a number of the members were present.

The day was remarkably fine and propitious; several of the members met at the wharf in Philadelphia, and took passage for Bristol, where Mr. Landreth had most kindly provided carriages to convey the members to his beautiful and extensive place, which was reached after a ride of two miles over a fine graveled turnpike, on the west bank of the Delaware, on which Mr. Landreth's place fronts for a considerable distance.

Mr. Landreth's farm, containing about 250 acres, is, for its extent, of great beauty and value. It is unusually level, smooth and free from stones and other obstacles to tillage. The soil, is a very friable, sandy loam, of good depth, and naturally fertile, and being based on a tenacious substratum, this renders it susceptible of permanent fertilization, with which Mr. Landreth has taxed himself to no inconsiderable degree, by way of applying liberally

almost every accessible fertilizer, of which street dirt, marl, (calcareous and green sand), and Peruvian guano, are the chief.

The live stock of the farm is small but good, consisting of ten horses, four cows, and a few swine, which to the practical man fully explains the necessity for the purchase of such quantities of manures. The quantity of manure made upon the place from the stock kept, from the refuse of almost countless varieties and large crops of vegetable seeds, with which his long and favorably known seed store in Philadelphia is supplied, is very considerable.

The tillage there practiced had evidently been of the most judicious and thorough character; the drills of vegetables, hundreds of yards in length, were as straight and uniform as if they had been laid out with a parallel rule. The Club made a pretty thorough examination of the place, being conducted to almost every part of this extensive property, and obtained much interesting information from the intelligent proprietor, as to the character of the various crops and the most successful mode of culture and preservation, in a thorough, practical and scientific knowledge of which he probably stands unrivalled in the country.

His stone barn and stables, the original cost of which was $7,000, in which were stored great quantities and varieties of seeds and vegetables, large mows of wheat, hay, &c., &c., attracted much attention. Meanwhile all were deeply interested and engaged in discussing matters generally connected with agriculture, as they presented themselves.

The habits, diseases, modes of culture, preservation, and marketing of corn and potatoes, were more particularly the subjects of consideration and discussion, in which there was a great diversity of opinion.

Mr. Landreth stated that it was his opinion that Indian corn was benefited by deep, thorough tillage, until it had reached a considerable height; and in case some of the lateral roots were severed, no injury would result from it, but on the contrary the plant would throw out several roots in the place of the one, each having similar, if not equal capacity to extract aliment from the soil.

Mr. Williams, of Rose Hill, also advocated the use of the plow instead of the cultivator in corn culture; Mr. Roberts, of Philadelphia, Mr. Harrison, of Andalusia, and Mr. Ford, of Olney, who expressed themselves on the subject, preferred the cultivator.

Mr. William also stated it as his opinion, that, in case the soil was plowed up so closely as to cover the brace roots, which are given on the corn above ground, that they would give considerable nourishment to the plant, as well as serve a mechanical support to it.

Mr. Wilkinson, of the Mount Airy Institute, differed with Mr. ., and stated that those "brace roots" or oblique props were by nature designed to act mechanically in the support of this towering plant, rather than a medium of alimentary support, and that their functions were as necessary to the support and perfection of the plant as any other organ; that by covering them with earth by means of the plow, or otherwise, they were changed in texture entirely, as well as removed from their proper mechanical position, which, as they are naturally placed, they present a fulcrum on all sides of the plant, a considerable distance from the surface of the soil.

By plowing under these roots, Mr. W. said, the earing of the corn was retarded, as it would generally throw a new set of brace roots before it would form an ear; and that the brace roots so plowed under would soon be blanched and rendered flexible, and totally incapable of subserving the end for which they were designed. He recommended to till the surface with the cultivator to the depth of four or five inches as often as practicable, until the corn was as high as the horse, but to avoid earthing up the corn.

The production of the potato, its uses, value, or net profit, compared with the other crops, cause, and prevention of disease, modes of preservation, &c., &c., were the main topics discussed at the dinner; a great variety of opinion was expressed and well sustained.

This meeting was of a happy and interesting character, and they cannot but eventuate in vastly increasing social intercourse among the members, and at the same time prove the most effectual means of increasing their knowledge of the great Art to which they are happily devoted.

The Club adjourned to meet at the Mount Airy Agricultural Institute, on Tuesday, the 17th inst.

"Germantown Telegraph," September 25, 1850

The Club held its regular monthly meeting, on the 17th inst. at the Mount Airy Agricultural Institute on Mr. James Gowen's farm, which was attended by nearly all the members.

The subjects to which the attention of the Club was most particularly attracted, were the preservation and application of the manure of the farm, both solid and liquid, also the guano, poudrette, lime, &c. Sewerage in the cities, and the waste of the most valuable fertilizers, consequent upon the injudicious system now existing, all received much attention and were justly regarded as matters of deep interest to all. The uses, importance and most economical source of charcoal for agricultural purposes, were carefully considered, as were also the comparative merits of deep and shallow tillage, and the several varieties of plows in use, especially the subsoil plow.

Mr. Wilkinson, the Principal of the Institute, though born and bred in New York, is a good specimen of a Yankee, as far as energy, enterprise, and "goaheadativeness" are concerned—and as a farmer we think he will pass muster, even in Pennsylvania, the State of good farmers. His farm, though it contains only about 70 acres, and some five acres of which are occupied with buildings, ornamental grounds and nurseries, yields a greater variety and greater quantity of produce, than many farms of fair repute of three times its size, besides keeping three horses, one pair of oxen, thirteen milch cows, three head of young cattle, near fifty swine, and a bull.

The cereal crops of the farm this year, are seven acres winter wheat, three and one-half of rye, six of oats and barley, seven of maize (gourd seed), and one of sweet corn, a small piece of upland rice, and half an acre of millet—all of which were good. The root crops were: sixand three-quarters acresof potatoes, which appeared to produce well for this season, being of fine size; three and a half acres orange carrots, six acres of different varieties of turnips, and one do. beets and parsnips.

The grass crops consisted of six and a half acres of timothy and nine and a quarter do. clover mown, twelve do. clover and timothy pastured, and one do. of Lucerne mown for soiling the cattle; the latter was being cut the fourth time this season, and averaged 12 or 15 inches in height. Mr. W. informed us that Lucerne was one of his most profitable crops, and that he designed putting in more next spring. He recommends sowing 28 lbs. seed per acre. He said that the extraordinary product of this grass this year was owing to his having manured it with liquid manure, the drainings of the barn yard, soap-suds, &c., which he applies with a liquid-

nanure cart. We examined the potatoes produced with yard nanure, guano, poudrette (as prepared by Prof. Peyson), charcoal, ime, &c., and compared the product, in which there was scarcely perceptible difference.

We saw the subsoil plow in operation, preparing the ground for wheat; also one of Pennock's grain drills putting in wheat, which appeared to do the work well. Mr. W. explained the advantages of the subsoil plow which he uses (one of his own planning) over others in use in the country. It is certainly an ingenious and efficient implement, of moderate cost, and apparently very durable.

Among the large stock of implements which we examined, were veral others which were new, novel, and useful.

The dairy stock consisted of thorough-bred Devons, crosses of Devon and Short-Horns, Alderneys and Natives. The oxen were also three-quarters Devon; and a pair walked with the sub-soil plow running eight inches deep, like horses, and with the greatest ease. The most curious and interesting performance, however, which we saw, was a bull in harness, attached to a dray made expressly for him, on which we all (about a dozen persons) mounted and rode some distance; it was then turned and driven back again. He appeared to be under complete control, walked with freedom and drew the load at an unusually fast walk, even for the fastest cart horse, with entire ease. This animal is two years old, and was harnessed the same as a shafter, with collar, cart-saddle, breaching, &c. Mr. W. informed us that he had used him all summer for various purposes on the farm, not only to the dray and cart, but for plowing, harrowing, cultivating, hay-raking, &c., and that he was as serviceable as a horse, and much less expensive.

The swine were decidedly the finest we ever saw; indeed, we re informed that they have taken the prize in five different States. They are principally of the "Dutchess" breed, white, and perfectly formed. They are kept in separate styes, and eat from iron troughs, which, in the opinion of the Club, are very economical and convenient. We were particularly struck with the neatness and cleanliness of the styes, and the tidiness of the animals.

The growing crops give conclusive proof that they had not wanted care or attention. The farm and yard fences, buildings, vegetable garden, and ornamental grounds, were all in good order.

In discussing the subjects of manures, the unanimous opinion was, that a cheap shelter over manure in the farm yard, and gutters to all the barns and sheds, would be economical, in that it would prevent the enormous waste of manure, and protect the buildings from avoidable cause of decay.

They also agreed in the opinion, that the urine should be saved and thrown upon the manure under the shed, to aid decomposition and prevent the "fire-fangs"—which is the result of too high a temperature, and the product of fermentation, by which a large proportion of the ammoniacal compounds are eliminated.

In discussing the subjects of sewerage, some very ingenious plans were proposed for the economical preservation of some valuable fertilizers which have hitherto generally been wasted.

It was the opinion of Mr. A. S. Roberts (a member of the City Council), that it would be policy for the corporation to make an adequate appropriation for the construction of suitable buildings and appurtenances for the manufacture of poudrette of a character that the farmer would find much to his advantage to use, at the same time it could be made a source of considerable revenue to the city. Mr. S. C. Ford thought highly of charcoal for agricultural purposes, in which Mr. Wilkinson concurred, and stated that he had used over 1000 bushels the current year; that he obtained the fine coal and cinders from the railroad locomotives burning fire-wood, for about one cent per bushel; that he found it of great service in the horse and cattle stables, particularly in warm weather.

Mr. O. Sheridan stated that he thought there was no fertilizer like stable dung; that he used $800 per annum on his farm with great effect.

On the subject of plows and plowing there appeared to be quite an unanimity of opinion—all concurred in deep and thorough tillage, and highly approved of the use of the subsoil plow in most soils.

Mr. George Blight, the President of the Club, stated that he had used Mr. Wilkinson's subsoil plow, at the latter's suggestion, for the purpose of taking his carrots out of the ground and had found it of great advantage, and gave it as his opinion that there was a gain of at least 50 per cent. over any other process of harvesting roots.

Mr. W. stated that he plowed 673 bushels of carrots in 4½ hours, with this plow, drawn by two horses.

Some time was occupied in considering the necessary arrangements for the coming annual exhibition of the Philadelphia Society

romoting Agriculture, to be held on the 15th and 16th of
ɔer, at the Rising Sun. If the farmers of Philadelphia, Bucks
Montgomery counties could have witnessed the great fair
attle show of New York, held at Albany, a few days since,
ınot but believe that it would have prompted them to
ı ɜ their efforts in promoting their own exhibitions, as it
ł have distinctly shown what can be done when there is "a
ıd a will."

e word before we close in relation to the Mount Airy Institute.
it is well known to most of our readers, is an Agriculture
ɔl, where the sons of gentlemen, from all over the Union, are
ıted in practical agriculture and in those special branches of
ːe so intimately connected with it, and without which no one
ultivate the soil intelligently—that is, with that knowledge
character and capacities, which all should strive to under-
, and from which will be derived not only the greatest profits
pecuniary point of view, but also in a mental aspect. The
ıl, we are informed, has been very successful—so much so
it will open its winter term with twice the number of pupils
t year. Indeed, we shall be conferring a favor all around in
ıending it to the attention of those, in city and country, who
have sons they desire to follow the ennobling pursuit
ɣriculture.

e next monthly meeting of the club will be held at the farm of
les W. Harrison, Esq., near Andalusia, on the 22d of October.

MANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1850

e monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club of Philadelphia
ty, was held at Prospect Hill, the residence of Charles W.
son, Esq., in Lower Dublin township, on the 29th inst. The
ɔeing very fine, the attendance was general, and the meeting
ɗ off with the usual spirit and interest.

e season being advanced, there were but little out-door
ts to attract attention. Mr. Harrison's farm comprises over
ıundred acres of river upland, with a loose substratum. The
ppears to be naturally good, and produces fine crops with an
ary amount of manuring. It is also well adapted to grazing,
s to some extent used for that purpose; a number of fine
cks were feeding upon its pastures. The land lies beautifully,
a south-eastern exposure, and has water in almost every field.

The only crops remaining out were those of corn and rutabaga. The corn was very nearly if not quite as good as any we have seen this year. It will yield, we judged, from sixty to sixty-five bushels per acre, or about 800 bushels for the fourteen acres. The rutabaga crop was well cultivated, and a portion of it will produce a good crop of fine roots. With respect to this crop, Mr. Harrison is trying an experiment, by having enriched a portion of the patch with guano, and another portion with good barnyard manure. The difference between these two portions is strikingly apparent; and we have no doubt the part manured with guano will yield at least twice the quantity of turnips on the same extent of ground as the other, while the expense of the guano, Mr. Harrison informed us, was not more than one-tenth!

It was the general opinion of the Club, that guano was especially adapted to certain root crops, where it was not only invaluable, but that it bore no comparison in the way of expense to the common manure. Of this fact, any farmer who saw this field of rutabagas would have been readily convinced.

Mr. H's. potato crop, like that of very many farmers in our county, was an entire failure. In a field of three acres, the whole product of marketable potatoes did not exceed a single wagon load! The soil, too, was supposed, under the circumstances, to be well suited to the potato; but like the calculations of some of the most experienced, they were completely at fault.

Mr. H. has occupied the premises only three years, and in that time has made a number of valuable improvements. One of them is the erection of an exceedingly neat and tasty mansion, which is supplied with water from a well-constructed ram. Indeed, a supply of water generally is abundant, and is an important feature in the value of the farm.

The barn upon the premises has long been known as the "big barn"; and for many years it was the largest and most complete structure of the kind in this section of the State. We are not informed of its dimensions, but its capacity is surprising, and we found it crammed with the products of the harvest.

The dairy stock struck us as being unusual. Indeed, we found several Devonshires in the herd of great beauty, and possessing high qualities.

The subject of barnyards was touched upon briefly, and all agreed that they should be bowled out in the middle with a view

to the retention of the urine and the manufacture of manure. One or two of the members have provided cisterns for the collection of the urine from the stables, which is either used in irrigating certain crops, or is regularly thrown over the manure heap, greatly, as they believe, to the enhancement of its value.

In respect to the weeds, it was conceded that the most effectual mode of extirpating these pests, with the most expedition and least expense, was to cut them off with a scythe before they came to maturity. One man with this implement will cut over several acres in a day; and we believe it is to this practice that the celebrated High Lands Farm of George Sheaff, Esq., in Montgomery County, is noted for its remarkable cleanliness in this respect.

The Club adjourned to meet at the Telegraph Farm, on the 19th of this month.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1851

A meeting of the Farmers' Club of Philadelphia County took place at "Arendell," the residence of Isaac Pearson, Esq., in Lower Dublin township, on the 17th ult. Owing to the bad condition of the roads, the attendance was not full, but the occasion was one of much interest and satisfaction.

Arendell comprises two hundred acres of perhaps as highly cultivated land as is to be found in the whole county, and lies beautifully on the banks of the Delaware, having a gentle slope with a fine southern exposure, down to the river, from which the buildings are about two-thirds of a mile distant.

The crops cultivated do not differ from those usually grown in this county—wheat, corn, oats, rye, potatoes, roots, etc. The stock on hand of neat cattle numbered over twenty head, most of them fine milkers, and several of them of fine breed and symmetry. The hogs attracted a good deal of attention, and were certainly equal to almost anything we have ever seen in that line. They are a mixture of the pure white and Berkshire breeds, and exhibited many excellent points and great fattening properties.

The barn at Arendell is a structure which would do any farmer's heart good to see and examine it. It is without exception the best barn we ever saw. Its dimensions are 80 by 45 feet, with wings 27 feet each, giving it an extreme length of 134 feet. It

has two threshing floors, by means of which the extremities of the mows can be conveniently reached. One of the floors is afterward used also as a mow, and is filled from the other floor. The barn is of course an overshoot, and the ascent to the floors is so gentle as to offer no impediment to loaded wagons. One of the wings, in the upper story, is occupied as a house where all the implements of the farm are carefully deposited from the weather; the other wing is used as a carriage house; underneath the latter is a wagon depository, capable of holding six wagons or carts; while the ground story of the other wing is used as a sheepfold. The ground story of the barn proper is used for stabling the horses and cattle; and a better suite of apartments for animals, and a better arranged ground floor generally, we never saw. The inner walls are all neatly plastered, the entries mortared, and the passageways of the cattle paved. The racks are of the most approved construction. There are open partitions throughout the entire story, and a free circulation of the air from every quarter of the compass is never impeded. Under the overshoot is a spacious arch or vault, as a root depository, into which the roots are thrown directly from the cart. Altogether this is a model barn, which would well repay any farmer who feels a pride in his business, as every farmer should, to drive twenty miles to see. The barnyard is of large size, surrounded with a substantial stone wall, and scooped out in the middle. The cattle are turned into the yard in the summer at night, and spend most of the day there in winter; large quantities of manure are constantly manufactured, in addition to the compost heap which never fails to be one of the best productions of Arendell. We never saw a better barnyard, and it needs but one thing more to make it perfect, which is a roof. The extent of this barn may in some measure be imagined when we inform the reader that it required thirty-four thousand shingles to cover it.

Mr. Pearson possesses many of the implements necessary to drive business along rapidly—fine grain fans, threshing machines, corn shellers, etc.; but we did not see one of Landreth's excellent root-cutters, which save much labor in preparing roots for the cattle, as well as performing the work in the best manner.

There is also on the premises an excellent spring house, as well as an ice house and a greenhouse. The mansion, which is a fine,

spacious old structure, has a prominent and beautiful location, the Delaware being fully in view, for miles up and down; and the Philadelphia and Trenton Railroad, which passes through the farm, and runs within two hundred yards of the house, takes up and sets down passengers almost at the door.

Altogether Arendell is a choice place—it is one of those delightful homesteads where, retired from the world, and yet almost within sight of its sixth city, with a broad river before it, dotted with craft, a family can enjoy all the comforts and even luxuries of life, in their own way, and under their own fig-tree, without there being any to make them afraid.

A resolution was adopted by the Club, to the effect that the absence of any member for six consecutive meetings would be considered a withdrawal from the same, and a new member may be admitted to fill the vacancy.

A resolution was also adopted, making it obligatory upon the Club to set apart a portion of every meeting for the familiar discussion of agricultural subjects.

The club adjourned to meet at the house of Dr. A. L. Elwyn, in the city of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, the 14th of January.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1851

A meeting of the Farmers' Club of Philadelphia County was held at the farm of Owen Sheridan, Esq., on Tuesday, the 20th inst.—Mr. Blight, President, in the chair. Ten members present. The weather was somewhat unsuitable for outdoor operations, so that the farm and appurtenances were not examined with that care and deliberation which is the wont of the Club.

Mr. Sheridan's farm, it is well known, is generally conducted in a manner to reflect the highest credit upon the proprietor. He has been indefatigable for a series of years, and at considerable expense, to bring his farm into a high state of perfection, and he has succeeded to an extent, which would surprise those who knew the place ten or fifteen years ago. The land comprises about two hundred and sixty-five acres of every description, upland and valley, glade- and table-land, but all appears to be in an equal state of cultivation, yielding crops with which any agriculturist in the county might feel satisfied and gratified.

His crops comprise the usual list to be found in eastern Pennsylvania—viz: wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes, carrots, rutabagas, hay, of which a large amount is produced, with the addition of barley, which Mr. Sheridan thinks a profitable grain crop, and was the only person in the township who raised it last year.

His cattle, taken as a whole, are exceedingly fine, the milking stock being chiefly Durham, and a number of them pure bloods. We saw several yoke of oxen, large, sinewy and well-conditioned, moving with the steadiness and ease of the best trained animals.

A small portion of the farm is leased for a dairy establishment, and is most admirably adapted for that purpose, there being a large spring of water near the tenant's dwelling, over which there is an excellent house, expressly intended for dairying. To this Mr. Sheridan is about to add an ice house, in order to perfect this department.

The last barn constructed near the mansion is a three-story, and is remarkably well adapted for stowing, storing, stabling and threshing, being planned with an eye to strength, neatness, and convenience. There is water in the yard, also a basin of spring water at hand to wash the horses, vehicles, etc., at all times. There is warm shedding for the cattle, and stone walls around the manure yards, and sheds for the carts, wagons, and utensils of all kinds. Everything appeared to have a place, and was in it. There was nothing wanting. The tools and implements were abundant, and all of the most approved kinds. Indeed, Mr. Sheridan goes in for the best; whether we refer to horses and other stock, hogs, sheep or poultry, finding from experience that the best is none too good, and the worst the least profitable. There appears to be a thorough system throughout.

Attached to the mansion is a large vegetable garden, stocked with a choice variety of fruit, handsomely located for early production. The entire premises, diversified by hill and valley of the most picturesque description, are washed on the south-west by the Wissahickon, and presents a *tout ensemble* rarely surpassed.

The Club expressed their high satisfaction at the appearance and condition of the farm generally; and after some conversation on agricultural topics, adjourned, to meet next month, at the farm of James S. Huber, Esq.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1851

The Farmers' Club held its first annual meeting at Bloomsdale, the residence of Mr. David Landreth, on Thursday, the 19th instant. The official year having expired, Mr. David Landreth was duly elected to the office of President in the place of Mr. George Blight; and J. Wilkinson of the Mount Airy Agricultural Institute, to that of Secretary, in the place of Major P. R. Freas. This constitutes the twelfth convention of the Club within the past year. The meetings having been held at the respective residences of the members, each seeming to excel the past in point of interest and utility.

All who have regularly attended the meetings of the Club agree that they have been a source of great social enjoyment—a medium for disseminating a large amount of social information in matters pertaining to the art of husbandry—and tending to strengthen the friendly ties between those following the same noble pursuit.

This meeting of the Club was altogether a very pleasant one; the day was unusually fine; and the crops of the general farmer everywhere along the way to Bloomsdale exhibited a luxuriance that was really gratifying to the feelings of those whose interests are so intimately linked in the production of the fruits of the earth.

The next meeting of the Club will take place at "Silver Springs," the farm of Mr. James S. Huber, in the borough of Germantown.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1851

The Farmers' Club held its regular meeting at "Silver Springs," the residence of Mr. James S. Huber, in the Borough of Germantown.

Mr. Huber's farm contains about forty acres of land, beautifully diversified with hill and dale, in the various cultivated crops, alluvial meadow and woodland, intercepted by numerous little rills issuing from durable springs on and near the place, which, besides affording ample means of irrigation, give to it an unusual degree of beauty.

The meadows are skilfully irrigated, by which they are rendered so fertile that they are susceptible of being mown early in the season, yielding a heavy crop of hay; after which they are pastured, affording a greater amount of pasture than most lands in the

vicinage used for that purpose throughout the season; thus clearly illustrating the advantage of proper irrigation.

At the time Mr. H. took possession of this place, five years since, it was very unproductive and sterile; but it now produces crops of every description, of great luxuriance and this striking change, or thorough renovation, is the result of a system of farming directly the opposite of that practiced by many farmers, especially by amateurs.

Instead of laying down a sum equivalent to the first cost of the soil in manure, at prices double and triple its real value for farming purposes, for the renovation of his land, Mr. H. placed upon the farm as much stock as could be kept by the very judicious partial soiling system which he adopted, and which we design to describe before we conclude.

A dairy was placed on the farm, and the number of cows increased in proportion to the increased production of the land, until it is now maintaining sixteen head, yielding 2,900 quarts of milk per annum, and five horses, beside producing several acres of maize and wheat for sale. And all this has been accomplished on a poor, worn-out farm of forty acres, in the short space of five years, without purchasing any manure! About seven and a half acres of the farm are occupied by timber and as a lawn, for which allowance or deduction should be made.

The entire buildings of the farm have been constructed by Mr. H. They are neat, original, convenient, and very economical in their arrangement. The mansion is located on the highest elevation on the place, affording a perfect view of the farm and the country round.

The lawn, through which the mansion is reached by a circuitous carriage-way, is tastefully ornamented with choice trees and shrubs, all indicating great luxuriance of growth.

The Club was much amused with the plan of Mr. H.'s hennery, which was such that the eggs could be taken from it without entering the house or disturbing the fowls. The barn, for one of its dimensions, is not surpassed for convenience and amount of stowage room it affords. The yard in which the cattle are kept is principally a table rock, which is kept clean and is as pleasant for milking the cows upon as a floor. All the manure of the stables was deposited in one corner of the yard, where it is frequently covered with soil from the ditches used for irrigation, by means of which a very large amount of manure is made.

The crops used for soiling the dairy, are, first in the spring, ry oats, and then Indian corn broadcast.

After the lowland meadows are mown, the cows are allowed t graze during the day, but are soiled at night on green corn, etc they all appearing thrifty and well, and many of them showin very fine points

Mr. H. had a beautiful piece of wheat, that was put in by th use of Croasdale's Drill, which is attached to a one-horse plow and drops the seed in a furrow behind the plow. This drill i in high favor with many farmers, especially those favorable t plowing in their wheat.

The subject of discussion which particularly engaged th attention of the Club was the proper stage of the growth of th cultivated grasses, upon which there was apparently but on opinion—that they should all be cut when the seed was fairl formed, or when the blossom has principally fallen.

The Club concurred in the opinion that the less hay is expose to the sun, and the less it is shaken in the process of curing, th better. They were also of the opinion that farmers generally cur their hay too much.

For years Mr. H. has been in the practice of raising his ow seed potatoes, and has succeeded to perfection in the experiment None of Jersey production surpasses them either in quantity, size or quality, and yet he puts himself to no more trouble or expens than in producing the round potato, and plants them in lik manner, in rows, and not after the Jersey fashion, in hills.

On the whole, the meeting was a very pleasant one, man topics being introduced and discussed, not necessary to insert here

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 185

The Farmers' Club held its regular meeting on the second inst. at "Prospect Hill," the residence of C. W. Harrison, Esq. There was, notwithstanding the slight rain in the morning, and the strong indication of a protracted storm, a respectable attendance and the meeting was on the whole one of unusual interest.

Among the subjects of the greatest interest discussed were the following: The varieties of Indian corn best adapted to this region, both for domestic use and for market; the best mode of cultivating and harvesting the corn crop; having in view the preservation of both the grain and the fodder; the comparative

value of the different green crops for turning in as a fertilizer, and the plows best adapted for turning in manure and green crops; the best arrangement of the spring house for dairy purposes, etc., etc.

A majority of the members were of the opinion that a mixed corn of the flint and gourd-seed varieties was preferable. Mr. Wilkinson, of the Agricultural Institute, said that he preferred the flint corn for feeding all kinds of domestic animals, and that it should be ground very fine for all animals except for fowls, to which it should be fed whole; he further said that ground feed should always be fed on chopped fodder, as it was liable to clog in the stomachs of animals, particularly if ground fine and fed dry to horses that are used for the road.

Mr. W. also said that a mixture of twenty-five per cent of rye was a great improvement on account of the adhesive property imparted to the mixture, by which every portion of the fodder will be coated with the meal, and hence the coarsest and most unpalatable portions are eaten with avidity. He claimed that it was no less important that meal should be mixed with fodder for ruminants; that the meal might be ruminated with the fodder, which he said was not the case when meal was fed clear.

Mr. Harrison said that he preferred the soft gourd-seed corn to the flint varieties for feeding horses, to which he fed it on the cob. He called the attention of the Club to his field of corn, which he claimed was a very profitable variety, being a mixture of flint, gourd-seed and Oregon varieties: the cob rather large, the stalks medium sized, and the crop rather late in ripening.

Mr. Landreth stated that he fed his horses principally on corn, that he fed it on the cob, and prepared it by steeping it in cold water twelve hours before feeding—that it cost him over $100 a head per annum for grain alone for his horses, etc.

While we were examining Mr. H.'s corn field, which was in beautiful order, and promised a large crop for this season, Mr. Landreth called the attention of the Club to the fact that the corn on the micacious sandy portions of the field was much inferior to that on the gravelly loam, though it was quite gravelly. The difference was very apparent.

Mr. H. had commenced gathering and curing the corn blades below the ears on a portion of his field, leaving those above the ear and the stalk to stand until the grain had glazed, by which period he said the leaves below the ear would have lost their

nutritive properties, and be entirely lost if left until those above the ear should be picked. His plan is to feed the top stalks and blades, and make manure of the stalks below the ear.

The Club concurred in the opinion that this might be a judicious mode of gathering corn fodder, though somewhat more expensive than the old method of gathering all at once.

On another part of the farm, we witnessed a very interesting operation—that of plowing in corn sown broadcast, which was from four to eight feet in height, and as thick as it could stand. It was neatly turned under by means of a heavy chain attached, one end of it to the double swingle-tree, the other to the beam of the plow just forward of the standard, aided by a man with a fork who walked on the furrow side of the plow, occasionally unclogging it.

The design, as Mr. H. informed us, was to sow the land with wheat this autumn, without cross plowing.

There was an immense amount of vegetable matter in the tops and roots of this crop turned in, probably from ten to fifteen tons weight in the green state, to about nine acres of land.

The dairy on this farm consisted of thirteen native grade Devon and Alderney cows. They were fine sized, good aged, in excellent condition, and were well marked, as a dairy for milking properties.

There was a two-year-old Alderney bull ("St. Nicholas") in the field with the cows, that Mr. H. informed us was a calf of one of the far-famed (and justly so) Alderney cows imported some years since by Nicholas Biddle.* He exhibited the unsightly characteristics of the family to which he belongs in a manner not to be mistaken, even in the dark, with mittens on.

Mr. H. said that he considered the *Wiggins* or *Buckman Plow* the best for turning in green crops, on account of its having a wrought wing for cutting roots, and also a bold mould-board. Mr. Pearson endorsed the opinion of Mr. H. Mr. Wilkinson said that he preferred *Prouty's Plow* with a long standard.

There seemed to be but little difference of opinion on the subject of *Spring Houses*, except that Mr. Wilkinson said that he preferred one without any water in it—that he "considered water in a dairy room not only useless, but injurious,"—that, "all that was neces-

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*The editor of the *Boston Cultivator* will please publish the notice of this descendant from the Alderney cow imported by Mr. Biddle, as it will answer the inquiry of his correspondent "Hugh" in the last No. of that publication.

sary to arrive at the proper temperature for separating the cream from the milk, or the butter from the cream, was to sink a deep vault, having the mouth of the excavation closed by covering it loosely with boards, when the proper temperature will be attained at the bottom.''

There were many other matters of importance to the farmer that occupied the attention of the Club, but a minute of which would not be advisable for publication.

The next meeting of the Farmers' Club will be held at the Mount Airy Institute, on the 30th inst., where is always to be found material for an attractive and highly interesting session. Mr. Wilkinson being the first man in the Union who has succeeded in establishing an agricultural institution upon a permanent basis, must needs possess peculiar traits and abilities for this distinguished vocation; and hence the gathering there of intelligent farmers must necessarily be an occasion of profitable deliberation.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1851

The Farmers' Club held its regular meeting at the "Mount Airy Agricultural Institute," in Germantown, on the 30th ult. The day was favorable, and nearly all the members were present.

Professor Wilkinson exhibited to the Club his farm, live stock, crops, machines, vehicles, implements, etc., etc. The premises contain about seventy acres of land of a character well adapted to the purposes of an experimental farm, as are also the improvements of every kind.

The live stock of the farm consists of three horses, fourteen cows, one pair of oxen, about forty swine, and a bull. The proceeds of the dairy (as we were informed) are chiefly consumed by the family; numbering during the past summer, with the students, about fifty persons. The cows were mostly native and grades, though there were in the herd a number of fine Devons.

His object is to keep no cows except they are profitable for dairy purposes. His mode of testing their merits was as novel as it was new and reliable. The food is weighed or measured, the weight of the milk buckets all marked on them, and the milk of each cow weighed to an ounce. The arrangement for weighing was simply a spring balance with an index pointing to the weight, on which the bucket is placed, and the time required for weighing the milk of each cow need not exceed a half minute. There is an

individual account kept throughout the year with each animal, which, according to his system, is very little labor, and is not only a great satisfaction, but cannot fail to be profitable; for by this systematic course of management the dairyman is enabled to decide with certainty on the individual and comparative merits of his dairy, and the common-sense result is that none but the best will be retained.

We are surprised that no one in this region, proverbial for its fine dairies, has discovered and adopted this excellent system in the management of the dairy, which, had it been generally adopted and adhered to for the past thirty years, would have more than doubled the value of our dairies. The horses are in keeping with everything about the place, well adapted to their use. The oxen are those to which the highest prize was awarded at our late County Fair, and were acknowledged by every member of the Club to be the most perfectly disciplined that they ever saw—at the same time worth as much for beef as they are for work.

Of the swine, suffice it to say that they are fac-similes of those that have taken the prizes at Philadelphia and Baltimore for the past three or four years.

The bull is of the Devon breed, and, though only two years old, is made to perform his share of the labor of tilling, carting, etc., on the farm. He works in a hame collar, and appears to be as much at home in the shafts as a brewer's horse. This was deemed by the Club a great improvement over the old system of allowing bulls to run idle, which always tends to make them mischievous, and often dangerously vicious. Mr. W. stated that he never knew a bull to be cross that was broken to the harness and worked, and they would endure more hard labor than an ox.

In describing the crops, it is first proper to state that they are about as various as the climate and soil will admit of, consisting of *cereals*, viz: maize, (four varieties), wheat, rye, oats, barley and millet; *grasses*: red clover, white do., lucerne, orchard grass, red top, Kentucky blue grass and timothy; *potatoes*: the mercer, black French, and red and yellow sweet; *roots*: carrots, parsnips, sugar beet, mangel wortzel, summer turnips, long blood winter beets, rutabaga, Aberdeen, flat, purple top and flat white Dutch turnips; tobacco, castor beans, celery, and the best varieties of garden vegetables, many of which were admitted by the Club to be superior to any that they had seen elsewhere

this season. There were about two acres of fine orange carrots, and an acre and a half of rutabagas, in which there was scarcely a weed to be seen, and the Club concurred in the opinion that the latter excelled any other crops of the kind in this region that they had witnessed.

In reply to a member of the Club, who asked Mr. W. to what he attributed his success with his roots, notwithstanding the severity of the drought, he stated that he attributed it mainly to the use of the *sub-soil plow*, though he had manured the land with about thirty two-horse loads of yard manure, and 350 pounds of Peruvian guano per acre, and allowed no weeds to use any portion of the aliment furnished the crop. He further stated that the beneficial effects of the use of the sub-soil plow was always most apparent in very dry seasons, or in very wet ones; that in those seasons in which there was a proper portion of seasonable rains, the effect of the sub-soil plowing was not so apparent. He stated that he sub-soiled for every variety of crops, about 13 inches, or six inches with the surface plow, and seven with the sub-soil plow; that he preferred the sub-soil plow to any other implement for the purpose of taking roots out of the ground, and that he had plowed out 675 bushels of carrots in four and a half hours, with a pair of horses.

The Institute implement-room abounded with almost every description of improved farming utensils. There were nine distinct makes of plows, all such as have been acknowledged to be of superior merit by the committees at the great trial of plows in New York, in 1850, and at the "World's Fair."

Among the machines there was one that the Club could not imagine its use, but were informed by Mr. W. that it was a new one, had never been exhibited to the world, and that he originated it himself. It was designed for *pressing* instead of plowing surface water furrows in newly-seeded land, and is called the Surface Drain Presser. As an engraving and description of it will soon appear, and the machine itself will be exhibited at the Maryland State, Pennsylvania State, and Philadelphia County Fairs, we shall not attempt a description of it here. It was the judgment of the Club that it may under many circumstances prove a useful machine.

Mr. W. stated that he cut his grain and grass for the past two years with Hussey's "Reaper and Mowing Machine," and that

he cut several fields of grain for his neighbors, much to their satisfaction. The Club examined the fields in which it had been used the past season, and considered the work well done, so far as they were capable of judging at this period.

The Club were also much pleased with another new machine originated by Mr. W., which was exhibited, and also saw the work preformed by it, surpassing anything that we ever witnessed for efficiency and saving of time and labor.

This is called a "Rut Scraper," but it is also well adapted to crushing lumps on plowed fields, and leveling uneven lands. The operation of this machine was so satisfactory that two members of the Club ordered each one for his own use.

We were also pleased to notice that everything about the place, the hedges and other fences, buildings, yards, roads, walks, etc., were in complete order, clearly showing that practical skill and science had accomplished much in working and adorning this excellent establishment. Indeed, it appears to possess every facility for carrying out the improved modern system of agriculture there practised. There are competent and experienced instructors employed in the Literary and Scientific Departments of the school, and a rural assistant in the Practical department, who is a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College at Eldena, in Prussia; the whole establishment being under the general superintendence of Prof. Wilkinson, Principal and proprietor.

So well satisfied were the Club with all the departments of the Institution which came under their notice—it being the season of vacation in the collegiate department—that the following resolution, offered by Mr. Ford, of Bristol, and seconded by Mr. Pearson, of Lower Dublin, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Club, from a careful examination of all the departments connected with the Mount Airy Agricultural Institute, which the period of the year gave them opportunity to go into, and from previous judgments formed of its character, bear willing testimony in behalf of its efficiency and great usefulness in educating young men in the science and practice of agriculture, and warmly recommend it to public patronage.

This Institution was first founded and organized in Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1845, from whence it was removed to Mount Airy, Germantown, Pa., in 1848. It commenced with five pupils,

but the patronage has been gradually increasing until it now numbers upward of thirty. Its support is chiefly derived from the old States and the British Provinces, and generally from the cities, though we were gratified to learn that for the past two years a number of the sons of practical farmers and planters had entered. This is a good omen, and we trust that the increasing intelligence and liberality of the actual cultivators of the soil everywhere will follow up this auspicious beginning, until in point of scientific as well as practical knowledge of this great pursuit, the general farmer will have no superior.

There are now two hundred and sixty-seven Agricultural Schools in Europe, and only *one* in the United States! How long shall this difference in the facilities for improvement in the great art of agriculture exist in the two continents? It appears that in many branches of the mechanical arts we have excelled all Europe, and we certainly could excel in husbandry if we had agricultural colleges in different portions of our country, that the rising generation could have the advantage of thorough scientific instruction, with a view to its direct application to agriculture, such as those of some portions of Europe have enjoyed for a half century or more.

Mr. Harrison contended that no domestic animal could extract, by the natural process of digestion, near all the nutrition from the flint corn fed in a raw state, even though it were well ground; and that on account of the softness and greater solidity of the gourd-seed corn, it was the most economical for feeding, except the flint was steamed, or well steeped.

Mr. Wilkinson said that he believed that it was economy to steam both roots and grain; that it obviated all necessity of grinding the grain, in which there was a loss of ten per cent, and three per cent loss for chopping the roots, which would pay the expense of steaming, particularly when a large stock was to be kept; and, further, that he had found great advantage in feeding milch cows on *warm food* in cold weather. The Club concurred in the sentiments of both gentlemen, and agreed in the opinion that the corn produced by Mr. H. was most profitable for the farmer, yielding in weight and measure nearly or quite one-fifth, or twenty per cent more.

Mr. W. said that he thought the system of marketing in Philadelphia, by selling produce from wagons standing in the streets, very objectionable; that the effect was to take the farmer, or some

ıber of his family, from home a great portion of his or her time
ɛcessarily, and much to the neglect of their families and their
ness at home; that it would be much better to consign their
luce of all kinds to commission merchants, and have it sold in
ket-houses; that the wagons standing in the streets were a
ıce. He also contended that farmers, their wives, or their
ıren, were very liable to take uncurrent and counterfeit money,
hence would lose much in that way, which would be avoided
ending their produce to persons who would always pay them
ood money, etc. He stated that the sale of produce in the
kets of New York was principally done by commission factors,
ɛad of farmers' wives and daughters, sitting in a wagon for
ths every year, exposed to inclemency of the weather, and all
demoralizing influences of a market-place.

[r. Landreth said that he enjoyed much the sight of a long
of wagons in market, and thought them more an ornament
ı a nuisance, and doubted whether the system would soon be
ught to be changed.

he entire meeting was one of much interest, many things
g learned there of value to the different members. Access to
ɔremises can be obtained at all times by farmers generally and
e interested in the pursuit, and we are authorized to say that
essor Wilkinson will be happy to receive such visits.

ɪRMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1851

he Farmers' Club held its monthly meeting at Arendell, the
lence of Mr. Isaac Pearson, and a general attendance of the
ıbers was present. The meeting was one of much interest.
ıdell Farm contains two hundred acres of land, and is located
;he Bristol turnpike, 8 miles below Bristol and 10 miles
ı Philadelphia.

r. Pearson informed us that his sheep were more profitable
ı any other branch of his farm operations; that the fleece of
forty ewes averaged three lbs. of wool each, and was sold for
ts. per lb.; that each ewe reared a lamb, which sold for $3; he
stated that some of his sheep had been destroyed every year
he past three, by dogs; and that he was obliged to fold them
y night.

r. P. sows all his grass lands annually with one bushel of
ıum per acre. He has a large dairy, of mixed breeds, also a

few thoroughbreds of the Durham, Devon and Alderney breeds, among which are some very superior milkers. The young cattle and dry cows are kept principally on corn-stalks and straw, fed without cutting; the milch cows are kept on hay, and a half bushel rutabagas per diem each. He has two acres of as fine rutabagas as are to be found in the county, notwithstanding the drought; they were planted about the middle of July, in drills about 2½ feet apart, and one foot in the drills, and manured with barn-yard manure; he gave them little other culture than to thin them out with a hoe and cultivate them with a horse; before cultivating the last time he sowed rye broadcast among them and cultivated it in, and at the time of our meeting it promised a fair crop.

This mode of cropping was new to most of the members of the club; but when Mr. P. assured them that the rye would be about as good as if sown in the ordinary way, they all concurred in the opinion that it was a judicious and economical rotation, and well calculated to keep up the fertility of the land, it being required to produce but two crops before it is seeded down to grass.

The best mode of preparing the land for putting in the seed, cultivating, harvesting and preserving rutabagas, was discussed. There was a concurrence of opinion as to the mode of preparing the land, all agreeing that it should be deep and thoroughly tilled, and the manure should be well incorporated with the soil; also that slightly elevated ridges on which to plant seed, was preferable to flat culture.

Mr. Pearson said that he liked yard manure as well as any for this crop; that he preferred to keep the roots in winter, in a dry, cool and dark cellar; that he considered them worth more than double what common turnips were for cattle.

Mr. Blight stated that he preferred to bury them in pyramidal pits, though he would recommend but a small quantity to be put in each; that he had generally sold what he did not need for feed, in Philadelphia, to dairymen for thirty cents per bushel, and that 500 bushels could be raised generally on an acre.

Mr. Harrison stated that he could endorse the views of Mr. B., and that he valued them as three to one compared with the common turnip.

Mr. Huber stated that he prized them highly as food for the dairy, though he thought that they, as well as all other roots and provender, should be steamed, and that it would well remunerate

rmer (particularly near market) to steam *all* the food for his
s and swine.

·. Wilkinson concurred in the opinion of Mr. H., and stated
he had given the *steamed and unsteamed food for the dairy* a
ul test, and that he was convinced of the advantage of
ning all kinds of food for cows; that a much greater return
ven for the same amount of food fed while warm (in cold
her) than when cold; and that he had found his cows to give
a pint to a quart per diem more milk when kept in a stable
re the temperature was above freezing, and all the food and
r given warm, than when fed with cold food and drink, and
sed to the cold in the yard for three or four hours a day. He
that he wintered his milking cows almost entirely on turnips
cornstalks chopped; that he had fed as high as three bushels
eamed turnips per day to each cow; that he had found by
ing them immediately after milking, there was no unpleasant
r imparted to the milk; that the cows did remarkably well
a fed those; and he considered some succulent food for cows
pensable both for their health and thrift, and to secure a
al flow of milk.

r. Sheridan, who took the prize on rutabagas at our late Fair,
d that he considered the rutabaga and the sugar beet (both
ich he produced), very valuable food for cattle; that he
ght there was no manure preferable to that from the farm-
. to manure them with; that carrots were excellent food for
st any of the domestic animals, but that their expense of
uction was too great.

he Club, after a very interesting session, adjourned to meet at
'Telegraph Farm," Germantown, on Tuesday, the 2d proximo.

RMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1851

ne Farmers' Club held its meeting on the 2d inst., at the
lence of Philip R. Freas, in Germantown. A general attendance
ne members were present—David Landreth, Esq., the Presi-
, in the chair.

r. Wilkinson, of the Mt. Airy Agriculture Institute, exhibited
he inspection of the Club his system of keeping farm accounts
a map of his farm, with the lines of all the divisions, and a
ence table showing the locality of every tree, building,
a, underdrain, road, fence, etc. Each variety of fence (five in

number) is so represented on the map as to show at a glance the comparative amount and locality of each.

The lots (ten) are all numbered, and the precise contents of each one given.

He also has maps of the respective lots for every year, with the subdivisions occupied by the different crops, and the various experiments with each crop; also a geological map of the farm, shaded so as to show the character of the soil of all parts of it.

The maps were accompanied by his farm and dairy account, which is a tabular one, very simple, and well adapted to the wants of every farmer. Mr. W. stated that he was indebted to Mr. Burghalter, his rural assistant, for the principles of this system of farm accounts, which is the same as that used in the Royal Agriculture School in Prussia. It is so simple (being tabular) that but from three to five minutes is required to make a daily entry on a large farm. These maps were admirably executed, and very ornamental as well as useful. We would call the attention of farmers generally, as we have already frequently done, to the importance of their keeping such accounts, with their crops, teams, dairy, etc., that they may have some means of knowing the comparative profit accruing from the different branches of husbandry, by which they would naturally be induced to increase the most profitable, and curtail or abandon the least so. Were this done, we doubt not it would in a few years completely revolutionize the system of those who adopt it, and especially those (who we fear are very numerous) who have never known what it costs them to produce a bushel of wheat, corn or potatoes, or to make a pound of butter, raise a cow, horse, hog, or sheep; or whether their fences and buildings of the farm have not cost more than the farm improvements would sell for.

The comparative economy of feeding cut and uncut hay, and the amount of hay required by a horse and a cow, was discussed. Mr. Wilkinson stated that he considered 25 pounds of good hay sufficient for a cow of ordinary weight, or about one-thirtieth of the weight of the cow in hay per day. For a cow of 900 lbs. weight, 30 lbs. hay per day; for a horse, from 35 to 40 pounds per day; that is, for an idle one, or one moderately worked and fed entirely on hay.

ıere were several dissentients to this opinion, and it was ıted whether a horse could eat 30 pounds of hay per day, if exclusively on this kind of food. This quantity, at the ɜnt rates of hay, would cost about two dollars per week, alone. as calculated that fourteen pounds of hay per day and from to six quarts of oats, or half the quantity of Indian corn, or a peck of carrots, would keep a horse through the winter, in working condition. We inclined to this opinion ourselves, thought the allowance of Mr. W. entirely too high. We ld prefer half a peck of carrots to the same amount of ; as horses will not only keep as fat upon them, but in much ɜr health.

r. W. thought that there was a saving of at least 10 per cent ıtting all the fodder for both cows and horses, as when cut it d all be eaten, which was not the case when uncut. He said he practiced chopping fodder for both cattle and horses; that ıts by a one-horse power at the rate of three bushels per minute from one-third to one-half-inch lengths.

r. C. W. Harrison differed with Mr. W., and stated that he idered it most healthy for the horse to be fed with long hay; the increased muscular action required to masticate the long would produce a proportional flow of saliva necessary to thy and perfect digestion.

:. M'Crea stated that he practiced chopping the fodder for ıorses, and mixing their oats with the fodder, to secure more ɜct mastication of the grain, and this plan of feeding had ed efficient.

ıe club also discussed the propriety of obtaining a permanent ɜ for holding Annual Fairs of the Philadelphia Society for ıoting Agriculture; and it appeared to be the opinion of all ɜnt that some place six or seven miles from the city ought ɜ fixed upon as a permanent site. The progressive usefulness ɜuccess of the Society in a great measure depended upon it.

ıere were a number of topics of interest approached by ɜent members of the Club, but they were of a nature rather ɪersonal and isolated to be made useful to the general farmer, hence are omitted in this report.

ter a pleasant session, the Club adjourned to meet at the ence of Dr. A. L. Elwyn, in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the lay of January, without further notice.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1852

FARMERS' CLUBS

We are pleased to say that farmers' clubs are being organized in various quarters, and if properly conducted, they must prove of great advantage to the practical farmer.

A monthly assembling together of one dozen intelligent agriculturists to compare notes and mutually communicate their experiences for the benefit of all, would necessarily be promotive of good; but in addition to this, it offers an occasion to bring residents of the same vicinage, following the same pursuit, face to face, making them better neighbors and better friends. They are permitted to *know* one another, and that is a great point gained in the science of good neighborhood. For how often does it happen that we dislike people because we do not know them; and refuse to become acquainted with them on account of this dislike!

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1852

The monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the house of Dr. A. L. Elwyn, in Philadelphia, on the 7th inst. There was a general attendance of the members—Mr. Landreth, President, in the chair.

At this meeting there was a number of subjects discussed, in the usual familiar way of the Club.

Mr. H. thought that orchard grass is *the grass* for farmers. It is one of the earliest and best for pasture, and makes excellent hay, while the yield is large and the aftermath the most valuable of all grasses cultivated in this latitude. It is generally sown too thin, which makes it tussocky. Mr. H. expressed quite an unfavorable opinion of timothy hay, and says its reputation with liverymen and others arises from the long time the horses have to chew or masticate it, rather than from its nutritive properties. As a pasture it is inferior to most of our artificial grasses.

Mr. Roberts expressed the opinion, which was endorsed by Dr. Emerson, that the still-feeding of milch cows moderately, when the grains were not too warm, with other proper food, was not injurious to the health of the cows, while it added to the quantity of the milk; but the system, very generally followed by dairy people in the vicinity of our large cities, who feed almost or quite exclusively upon grains, sometimes quite warm, was highly in-

jurious, not only to the quality of the milk, but to the health of the animal.

Mr. Hare, a son of Dr. R. Hare, and who is extensively engaged at farming, in Howard county, Maryland, about ten miles from Baltimore, told the Club he has been in the practice of purchasing sheep in the autumn, which cost from $1.25 to $1.50 per head, and at once selling the best of them to the butcher at about $2.50 each; these are mostly wethers. The remainder are kept until the succeeding autumn, when they command the same or a higher price, besides which he gets a dollar's worth of wool from each sheep, and $2.50 per head for the lambs, which are disposed of in the spring. He is now directing his attention to the breeding of superior kinds, chiefly Southdowns, as a more agreeable occupation, and probably still more profitable.

To the inquiry whether dogs were not troublesome, he replied that protection was afforded *by keeping the sheep in the yard at night with the horned cattle*, and putting bells on some of them.

Making a family pet of one of the young rams was suggested as a good means of defence against dogs. The petting of sheep gives them great confidence and courage, and their *knock-down* arguments compel the dogs to beat a retreat!

Dr. Elwyn stated that in Chester county, where his farm is situated, it was impossible during the last season for farmers to supply themselves with their usual stock of grazing cattle, even at prices considerably above what was paid the previous year or two. This was ascribed to various causes: first to the dryness of the summer, not affording sufficient pasturage to the droves; to the immense quantities of cattle driven from the western States to Oregon, California, and New Mexico; and to the new system adopted by many cattle raisers in the west, in forwarding cattle to market over some of the great lines of railroads. Should this dearth continue a year or two longer, many of the farmers of Delaware and Chester counties, who possess some of the finest grazing lands in the country, will be obliged to turn their attention to other sources of profit. Hay they can produce in abundance, but the distance is almost too great, except to a few, from the Philadelphia market, where there is always a demand at good prices. Tobacco was suggested, but it is to be hoped that the routine of the crops common to Pennsylvania farms will be adopted instead, for when we consider the depth and richness of

the soil, and the large amount of vegetable matter which it contains, we think our friends there will find their cultivation equally profitable if not quite as agreeable, as grazing, and far more satisfactory, we should suppose, than tobacco raising.

The subject of feeding carrots to horses was casually introduced, and the root recommended as part of the food of all horses during the winter season. Several of the members had fed them with decided advantage. We gave our experience in the matter, from an actual test. We stated that a horse, kept for driving exclusively, was kept last winter, in equal flesh, in far better health and appearance, upon half a peck of oats and half a peck of orange carrots per day, with the usual hay, than the previous year on a peck of oats per day with hay. The difference was so perceptible as to strike the eye of the most casual observer. The carrots should be fed in two messes, without washing, and are greedily consumed.

A patch of these carrots, twenty feet square, would yield a sufficient quantity for one horse during three months and a half. It is rather a troublesome crop to cultivate, but we believe, upon a fair trial, it will be found the most profitable that the farmer can put in the ground. The best variety is the *orange*. Make the ground rich to a good depth. The rows should be about two or two and a half feet apart. Drill the seed in the same as parsnips. When fairly up, the ground about the plants should be carefully hand-weeded; and a second weeding should take place when required. They should be, of course, thinned out, if too thick, so that the plants may stand about six inches apart. The ground between the rows should be kept loose, like for corn or sugar beets. We should like to see this crop more generally raised by our farmers, as we are certain that there would shortly be a demand for carrots, as their value becomes better known for feeding horses, fully equal to the supply, and next to that for timothy hay during winter, at profitable prices. Their value, too, for feeding cattle would also soon be appreciated upon trial.

Dr. Elwyn exhibited to the Club that part of the large and interesting collection belonging to Mr. Peter A. Browne, of Philadelphia, which includes the *Hair and Wool of the Sheep*. It is divided into three departments, viz: one in which are found specimens of fleece from England, Scotland, Ireland, Russia, Hungary, Prussia, Austria, France, Saxony, Spain, and indeed from almost every part of Europe; also, some specimens of wool

from Asia, Africa and South America. A second, which contains three hundred and eighty-eight specimens of *Saxony wool*, collected from all parts of that kingdom, beautifully arranged, and presented by the King of Saxony to Mr. Browne. This collection was very much admired, and universally acknowledged to be the finest that has ever been seen in the United States from that or any other country. Thirdly, a very valuable collection of fleece from sheep raised in various states of this Union, which, with untiring exertions, Mr. Browne has obtained from the sheep-breeders and others. Many of these specimens are accompanied with very interesting letters from the wool-growers, a synopsis of which Mr. Browne intends shortly to publish.

This session of the Club was particularly pleasant and interesting, and it was adjourned after a long sitting to meet at the house of Algernon S. Roberts, Esq., in Schuylkill, Fifth St., opposite Logan Square.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1852

The stated meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the residence of Algernon S. Roberts, Esq., in Philadelphia, on the 4th inst. The President, Mr. Landreth, being absent, Mr. Blight was appointed Chairman, *pro tem.* There was a general attendance of the members, and the meeting was one of considerable interest.

Among the subjects discussed were the following: The comparative wear of the tire of wagon wheels under heavy loads, with and without springs; also, the relative economy of the use of steel and Indiarubber springs under heavy wagons; the most economical mode of keeping the dairy in winter; best mode of preparing corn-fodder for feeding; the value of apætite, or native phosphate of lime, for agricultural purposes, etc.

On the subject of the wear of the tire of wheels under wagons, with and without springs, there appeared to be quite a difference of opinion. Messrs. Wilkinson, Huber and Harrison gave it as their opinion, that the tire will wear much faster with than without springs; while all the other members were of the opinion that the reverse would be the result.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he had had much experience in the use of heavy wagons with and without springs, with this deduction, that the tire of those without springs, if the wagons were driven rapidly and with equal speed, would last much longer than those

with springs; while with a slow motion, so that the wheel would not bounce clear of the ground when brought into sudden contact with an obstruction, those with springs would last equally long. This is the principle: that the elasticity of the spring produces a constant contact between the tire of the wheel and the road, while the wheel of a vehicle without springs, under rapid motion, on an uneven and solid road, would, as it were, roll a good part of the time in air, or clear from the ground, bounding from one inequality of the road to another, thus only marring the tire instead of wearing it, but also stated that this marring of the tire had a tendency to draw or lengthen it, so that it would require resetting oftener than that of the spring vehicle; but stated that although there was a greater wear of the tire in the use of springs, there was much less wear and destruction of frail lading, and much more comfort for the driver or passengers. This he considered more than overbalanced the extra wear of the tire.

Mr. Wilkinson further stated that he had been experimenting with caoutchouc gum or Indiarubber for springs on vehicles for heavy burden, as a substitute for steel, with the most satisfactory results; that he had been using for the past two months a set of caoutchouc springs, which weighed 7 lbs. 5o z., and cost only $5.25; that he had carried on them without the least injury to them one and three-quarters tons of coal at a load; that they answered every purpose, and he believed that they will require less repair than the steel springs; can be adapted to any burden, their weight only one-fiftieth part as much, and their cost only one-fifth as much, as the steel.

These are very important facts to those who use heavy vehicles, and we hope they may not be lost sight of, but that our farmers will avail themselves of this new and apparently efficient means of reducing the weight of their heavy-springed wagons, and at the same time of reducing the cost in a greater degree.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he had kept his cows this winter entirely on still slops and corn-stalks cut and crushed. He cuts them by a one-horse power at the rate of 100 to 125 bushels per hour, and then he passes them through the threshing machine at a high speed, by which mode he crushed from 1,000 to 1,500 bushels per day. He cuts the corn at the ground as soon as the kernels are glazed, and as soon as the stalks are sufficiently cured to keep in the mow the butts are chopped off with a broadaxe on the end

of a large block of wood; then they are stored in the barn, to be cut as needed.

The swill is drawn from the distillery nearly at the boiling heat, and applied to the crushed stalks with a little salt at each feed, and allowed to steep from six to twelve hours before feeding. When the stalks are thus prepared, they are eaten with avidity; the cows keep in good condition, yield a good flow of milk, and Mr. Wilkinson gave it as his opinion that the expense of keeping cows as above described is 50 per cent less than they can be kept on any other food. He also stated that he had recently been using a machine that cuts and grinds the corn fodder at the same time, which did the work well. These machines are manufactured at Valley Forge, Chester County, and they may be obtained in Philadelphia.

It was stated that the price of the native phosphate of lime in England is $45 per ton, while that of New Jersey can be obtained for $12 per ton, and that the American article is believed to be fully equal to the English for agricultural purposes, and must shortly be generally adopted as a valuable fertilizer.

Mr. John S. Haines, of Germantown, was unanimously elected a member of the Club.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. Sheridan, Chestnut Hill, on the first Tuesday of March next.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1852

A meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on the 16th inst., at Union Grove, the residence of Mr. Owen Sheridan, Chestnut Hill.

The President of the Club being absent, Mr. George Blight was called to the chair. A majority of the members were present. The day was unusually fine, and the members at once proceeded to inspect the farm, buildings, stock, implements, etc. As we have before referred to the extent and unusual beauty and picturesqueness of Mr. Sheridan's premises, it is scarcely necessary for us again to go into detail. The land has been put in a very high state of cultivation; indeed we saw more manure upon the ground than we ever saw upon any other farm at the same time. But besides applying the large amount of manure made upon the premises from his extensive stock, Mr. S. carts annually from the city of Philadelphia, hundreds of four-horse loads of stable manure, which he both turns in for the grain crops and uses largely for top-dressing the grass lands, which he finds highly advantageous.

He says, also, that he finds nothing so efficient as long dung for making dams in gullies in the plowed fields, and hence levelling the surface. We noticed that the winter grain and grass on the farm looked exceedingly well for the time of the year.

After an inspection of the barns and outhouses adjacent to the family residence, the members of the Club traversed the farm. Here some thirty or forty cows are kept. Among them were some very large, fat, and fine-appearing thoroughbred shorthorns, and some Devons and Alderneys; to the latter Mr. S. gave a decided preference, and stated that the Durhams, so fine in appearance, were far inferior for dairy purposes to many of the most ordinary looking natives in the herd.

To this statement of the relative value of the different breeds of cattle for dairy, the members present replied that it accorded with their experiences—that is, that the symmetrical, fat mammoth Durhams of this country were properly the cows for the amateur; and the well-bred natives were the dairymen's cows; while the Alderneys, for specific purposes, could not be excelled. Mr. S. informed us that he furnished his dairyman with the cows and pasture, straw, and stalks, all that they could consume, for which he charged him $30 per head per annum, and received the calves at one week old. He said that the dairyman sold the milk at wholesale in Philadelphia for three and a half cents per quart; that they had now some thirty cows, and that in his opinion the dairy thus kept would prove profitable to both him and the dairyman.

The feed used, besides hay, straw, and corn-fodder, Mr. S. stated, was brewers' grain and oil-cake meal. Besides milch cows, numbering about 50 head of cattle, there are on the farm 9 work horses, 4 oxen, about 100 sheep, and from 12 to 20 swine. The poultry yard abounded in a great number and variety of choice fowls, foreign and domestic.

Mr. S. seeds with red clover, timothy, and orchard grass mixed.

We observed several acres in a young apple orchard; the trees had been set but one year. Their trunks varied from one inch and a half to two and a half inches in diameter, and had no stakes or supports to keep them erect. Mr. Pearson asked Mr. S. why he did not stake and lash them; to which he replied that he had found that without protection the cord would girdle the trunks, and when he padded them it provided a harbor for vermin. Mr. Wilkinson said that he preferred laying stones about young trees

to any other way of supporting them; that the soil around them also retained the moisture under the stones much better, thus answering a double purpose, etc.

The subject previously selected for discussion was: *The relative value of corn and wheat crops to the farmer of Pennsylvania.*

Mr. Sheridan remarked that he considered the corn crop three-fold more valuable to the farmer than any other crop.

Mr. Harrison said that he believed that the relative yield of corn and wheat and grain, was as three to one, and that there was about the same proportions in the relative value of the haulm; that he used the principal part of the manure made on his farm for corn, the first crop of the rotation; that he plowed it in with the sward, and that he believed that it was more beneficial when thus applied than in any other way.

Mr. Pearson said that, allowing corn to be more profitable than wheat, even in the ratio named, he thought we could not substitute anything for wheat which could properly take its place; hence we should be obliged to continue to produce both.

The question was asked: Can corn be produced annually for a series of years on the same land, and the product continue to be remunerative?

Dr. Elwyn said that he had known it to be grown for two successive years on the same land, and was followed by wheat; all three crops good, and the second crop of corn equal to the first, but the land was manured with the second crop of corn.

Major Freas stated that the practice in parts of Maryland was to plant corn eight or nine years in succession on the same (new) land, and, when the yield diminished materially, an application of lime would insure fair crops again for some years.

Mr. Huber stated that his land would produce sixty bushels of corn to the acre, and would produce twenty-five bushels of wheat; that his wheat field yielded him quite a quantity of pasture; that the pasture on the wheat stubble should be taken into the account; and the crop was benefited rather than injured by pasturing.

In this opinion Mr. Wilkinson said he concurred, provided the land was very fertile; but that it would destroy the crop ordinarily, unless the land was very strong; that the best wheat that he had last year was pastured off close y in the spring by cows; and that he thought all winter grain would be benefited by harrowing and

rolling in the spring; that the benefit was not confined to the grain, but that he had rarely failed in seeding with any kind of grass when he harrowed it in, and that he had never known grain to be injured by harrowing in the spring. He said that the teeth of the harrow were the better for being worn smooth at the point.

Messrs. Harrison and Blight stated that they had found it less difficult to produce 70 bushels of corn per acre than 25 bushels of wheat. Mr. B. farther said that he approved sowing guano broadcast on grass lands in small quantities, and that it should be sown just as the grass was starting.

Mr. Huber disapproved of sowing guano broadcast and plowing it in with the sward for corn; that it covered it too deep; that it was better to sow after plowing, and cultivate it in. In this opinion there was a general concurrence.

The meeting was altogether an unusually interesting one. Indeed, no farm can present more objects of interest to every farmer and lover of farm than Union Grove. The discussion of any subject is always conducted in a purely conversational manner, and hence it is impossible to give it a conventional form.

The Club adjourned to hold its next meeting at Devonshire, the residence of Mr. George Blight.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1852

The Farmers' Club held its stated meeting at Olney, the residence of Samuel C. Ford, Esq., on Thursday the 6th inst. The April meeting at Devon was necessarily deferred owing to the exceeding fine weather for farming operations after the prolonged period of cold, moist weather. The attendance was not as general as we would like to have seen it, though the interest of the meeting appeared in nowise diminished on that account.

The village of Olney is situate on the Kensington and Oxford turnpike road, some six miles from the State House, on a commanding site and possesses the advantages of a private and public school, post-office, fine store, two or three daily public conveyances to and from the city, etc., etc.

The subject which engaged the principal attention of the Club was as to the most profitable crops to be raised by farmers in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The opinions were exceedingly varied, each member, almost, being prepossessed naturally enough in favor of those which he was then engaged in producing.

Mr. Roberts thought that nothing paid better than a well conducted dairy, where the milk was regularly taken at a stipulated price on the premises. By this all the productions of the farm were returned to it with interest, and hence the land is constantly kept in an improving condition. As to manures, he thought where they had to be hauled any distance the concentrated kinds were greatly to be preferred. He had a high opinion of guano, poudrette and bone dust, but especially the latter, and detailed an instance where a single application of it was distinctly visible for a space of sixteen or seventeen years.

Mr. Harrison thought that dairying was a troublesome branch, and that an equal amount of profits could be realized where less risk, labor and expense were involved. Cows deteriorated 12 per cent a year, and when fed on brewers' grains full 20 per cent. Brewers' grains were not to be recommended in large quantities, though it was admitted there was no feed which produced more or poorer milk; but milk being milk few dairymen stop to consider the tastes of their customers. Mr. H. considered hay and potatoes, where the latter were not subjected to the rot, to be as profitable in this county as any other branch of agriculture; and we understood him to say that he designed shortly to adopt them exclusively.

Mr. Huber, who now consumes the whole productions of his farm in his milk dairy, thought that while this branch paid as well, perhaps, as any other, there were others which were certainly less troublesome, but whether they would yield an equal profit was to be ascertained. He referred particularly to the raising of hay, for which there is always a ready demand at good prices, with a cash market almost at the door. He put down the yield of milk of one cow as averaging six quarts per day the year round, or two thousand quarts per annum, which, at 3c per quart, would aggregate sixty dollars.

Mr. Haines said he entirely eschewed wheat, having raised none for some years, his principal crops being rye, corn, potatoes and hay, and he thought they were about as profitable as any others. He had customers for all his hay, and made it a rule always to return a load of manure for a load of hay, which, with that made upon the farm, and the usual application of lime, the quality of his land he believed was yearly improving. From the whole tenor of Mr. H.'s remarks—and he entered into some details—we came to the conclusion that he thoroughly understood his business, managing his farm with much skill, judgment and success.

Mr. Ford remarked that although his farm was highly productive, and he believed he met with a good degree of success with his agricultural labors, yet he was under the impression that a milk dairy was attended with as little trouble and risk (the milk being sold on the premises at 3c. per quart) and with as large or more profit, when properly managed, as any other branch of farming in the vicinity of Philadelphia. It had also this advantage—the crops raised on the land were all returned to it again in the shape of manure; and no one, except he be a miserable apology for a farmer, but must, under the circumstances, make his land grow constantly richer; and this should be a prime consideration in all agrestic pursuits.

The conversation was kept up for some time; but the question as to what were the most profitable branches of farming in the vicinity of Philadelphia was left quite undecided. It seemed that particular branches suited particular persons, and especially particular localities; and that each one for himself would select and adopt such as he conceived would pay *him* the best. And such we believe will be found always to be the case—circumstances materially influencing the course of each.

There was one view of farming, however, in which all concurred, which was, that to till the ground well—manure liberally and sow liberally—were absolutely indispensable, in order to *reap* liberally. To take off abundantly, we must put on abundantly, and none but an unsophisticated green-horn, who knew nothing of the principles of agriculture, would expect to secure *large* crops in return for a *small* allowance of pabulum. It seemed also to be generally conceded—and with reason—that when manures had to be transported any distance, the concentrated kinds should be preferred, and were, aside from the labor of hauling, cheaper than the bulkier descriptions containing nearly or quite 75 per cent of water. Still, it was by no means denied that a mixture of long manures with others was to many soils highly requisite, though poudrette, bone dust and guano generally supplied all the phosphates necessary to the production of all the crops known to our soils.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1852

The Club met at Prospect Hill, the residence of C. W. Harrison, Esq., on the 4th instant, but the proceedings being mislaid by the secretary, they did not come to hand in time for the two previous issues of the *Telegraph*.

The crop of grass upon this and generally upon the farms in the vicinity, on newly seeded land, promised to be light. In many spots the grass was entirely destroyed by the great drought of last season, followed by the severe winter, and a variety of weeds has taken its place, among which we noticed an abundance of St. John's-wort.

The wheat crop upon this farm, especially where it was manured by turning in a heavy crop of broadcast corn, exhibited an indifferent appearance. On one piece where two hundred pounds of guano had been added to the green corn it promised very finely. The large field on which Mr. H. produced the premium crop of corn last year, is now in barley and oats, and both are very good. He informed us that he intended to turn under the stubble of the oats and barley and sow with corn, and plow it under at seeding time, adding 200 lbs. of guano per acre.

The other members of the Club all concurred in the opinion that an application of an additional 100 lbs. guano, without the corn, would be a more economical and judicious course.

Mr. H. does not use the sub-soil plow, and plows only from three to four inches in depth for corn; his corn appeared well for the season; but it was the general opinion of the members present that the corn would probably suffer later in the season for want of a greater depth of pulverized soil. Mr. H. has hitherto kept quite a dairy, which he decided was unprofitable, when compared with grain and hay for market, and keeping ewes. He has now fifty common sheep from which he informed us he realized $3.80 per annum per head from the wool and lambs. He is obliged to yard them every night, on account of dogs, which with the birds in the corn fields are the greatest annoyances the farmers in that region have to contend with. The propriety of destroying the birds was discussed. The members generally recommended destroying all that injured the crops of grain, fruit, etc.

Mr. Wilkinson dissented from this opinion, and said that he would not allow a gun on his place, nor a bird of any description destroyed, not even a hawk or an owl. He also stated that he considered weasels, minks, skunks, and even foxes, of great service to the farmers in destroying vermin that would do ten-fold more damage than all these animals if preserved.

Mr. Wilkinson farther said that he had found that a white cotton cord (common wrapping twine) stretched about the corn fields by

attaching it to small poles, will effectually prevent all destruction by crows, and that when blackbirds destroyed it an active boy in the field for a few days will keep them off, and during the balance of the year these and other birds live almost exclusively on insects.

It may always be observed that the destruction of fruit and grain by insects is always much greater near villages and cities than in the interior; this is owing to the birds having been destroyed by idle boys, and even by men, in age, strolling through standing grain and grass, shooting even swallows and sparrows which if preserved would have saved more grain, fruit and flowers than these worthless would-be sportsmen have ever earned in their lives. Mr. Wilkinson further stated that he ascertained last summer, while out on a pedestrian tour with his class, that the farther they went from the city, the less complaint they heard about destructive insects, and that at a distance of only fifteen or twenty miles in some directions it was as rare to find a worm in a shock of corn as it is in his region to find one ear without a worm.

The subject of the present system of marketing in the city of Philadelphia was taken up and discussed with much interest. Messrs. Harrison and Pearson expressed themselves well satisfied with it as it was.

Mr. Freas said there was not one-quarter room enough in the market houses for present use, and that the demand for more room was daily increasing; that it would be policy for the authorities to take measures without delay to provide spacious and commodious market houses in proper locations *out of the streets*, and especially in the new districts, e'er these latter sections are otherwise built up to the exclusion of these emporiums for the sale of indispensable articles of human food, the demand for which, unlike that for most other articles, is constant, and must be perpetual.

Messrs Ford, Wilkinson and Blight, were in favor of "green groceries" in the old districts, and at providing extensive and conveniently located market squares in the new districts.

With one or two exceptions, the members present were of the opinion that if the system were once well established it would be found to the advantage of the producer to wholesale his vegetables and fruits, and return immediately to his family and farm, instead of being absent from both, as many farmers are obliged to be under the present system, for one night and one day of each

double that amount of time, if they attend market
ek, the detrimental effects of which are too obvious
a comment.
ıther being inclement, the attendance of members was
the interest evinced by those present and the objects
ɔciation was well sustained.

ıANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1852

b met at Bloomsdale, the residence of David Landreth,
ıe 18th of June.
other striking improvements at Bloomsdale since the
the Club there in '51 we noticed a large symmetrical
vhich, as we were informed, is intended as a seed-drying
which it appeared admirably adapted; also a double
r workmen, seven families of whom reside on the place,
whom the single laborers board. Besides these, several
llings and drying houses have been erected within a few
roofs of which as well as that recently put on the main
ɔh is perhaps one of the largest in the country) are all
They form an excellent roof, give the building an im-
pearance, and, as we were informed, and as we believe,
heapest roof in the end. There is an unusual degree of
and taste displayed in the construction, particularly the
rrangement, as well in the relative position and con-
ɔf all the buildings.
y of land each of the various crops, etc., at Bloomsdale

.....	5½	acres	Salsify	2	acres
ɜarf).....	22	do.	Spinach.....	2½	do.
.....	5	do.	Squashes.....	8	do.
.....	16	do.	Turnips.....	8	do.
.....	2½	do.	Rutabaga.....	2	do.
s.....	12	do.	Corn.....	10	do.
.....	10	do.	Potatoes	4	do.
.....	3	do.	Oats.....	4	do.
.....	4	do.	Grass.....	36	do.
ɜarly)....	35	do.	Pleasure Grounds...	8	do.
.....	9	do.			

By Mr. L.'s system the bean crop follows the pea, and other crops succeed those planted in the spring, thus securing two crops in the same year from the same land, the advantages of which it is evident must be very great in many respects.

Mr. Pearson said that he was aware that it was a very favorite time of harvesting wheat, when the grain was yet soft. That he had been unsuccessful in all his attempts at so doing; that the grain shrunk, and hence did not produce as abundantly.

Mr. Blight said that he never had any difficulty from this cause, though he had been in the habit of cutting his wheat when quite green.

Messrs. Ford, Harrison and others agreed in opinion with Mr. Blight.

Mr. Wilkinson said that his rule was to cut when the kernel was matured to that degree that the ovate chit, which ultimately forms the germ, will separate itself perfectly from the pulp of the kernel when pressed between the thumb nails; that he had never known grain cut at this period of its growth to fail to grow or to make good bread.

After a most profitable session, the Club adjourned to meet again at such place as may be hereafter announced.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1852

The Farmers' Club met at the residence of John S. Haines, on the 26th ultimo.

The attendance was full, and the meeting one of unusual interest and advantage to the farmer. Mr. H.'s farm contains upward of one hundred acres of arable land, presenting a fine surface, being generally free from stones, though it has on it extensive quarries of excellent building stone.

The soil of the farm is sufficiently varied in its geological character to adapt it to the production of any or all of the grains. The hay, grain, straw, stalks, roots and fruits are all carried to market, save that necessary for home consumption, and manure (stable) purchased in the city and returned to the farm.

Mr. H. informed us that this system had been practised for a number of years, with a uniform increase in the sales, and at the same time an improvement of the land. Timothy hay is the major crop, and for the following reasons the land is mown but once in a season. The second crop of hay is not as salable as the first, and

the aftermath lying on the ground is a great protection against the destructive effects of autumnal droughts and winter frost; besides, it shades the ground in the spring, thereby making the crop earlier and heavier the succeeding year. Mr. H. related the result of an experiment in cutting and spreading the aftermath before the seed formed, and allowing it to remain on the ground, which went to show that the crop on the portion on which the grass was mown and allowed to lie on the ground was much heavier the succeeding year than that on the unmowed portion.

This result Mr. Wilkinson accounted for by supposing the exhaustion consequent upon ripening the seed of the second growth of grass being prevented, and that the mown grass, scantily distributed over the surface, formed a more efficient protection of the roots from the deracinating influence of frost than that afforded by the standing grass; that much of the vegetable aliment yielded by the superincumbent mown grass was dissipated from that unmown, and that the mown and spread grass also benefited the crop in the early part of the succeeding season by its more perfectly shading the ground.

Mr. H. informed us that he had this year been using several varieties of concentrated manures, guano, dissolved bones, and some other artificially prepared fertilizers, in conjunction with the stable manure purchased in the city, and all with good effect, except in one or two instances of an excessive application of dissolved bones to ornamental trees on the lawn.

In the walk over the farm, the attention of the Club was attracted by a large heap of fine charcoal and sand mixed, to be applied on the garden and incorporated with the soil by tillage, Mr. H. being of the opinion that he had rendered the soil, by very deep tillage, too tenacious, in mingling too much of the subsoil with the surface soil.

We examined a number of fields of corn on the place, all of which promised a fair crop, and some of it was unusually fine, particularly that to which guano had been applied. The potatoes, like those in many other places, gave very little evidence of vitality, owing to the ravages of the *curculio trinotatus* in the stem.

The timothy meadows were much injured by the drought of last autumn, and the hard winter that succeeded it, and it was conceded by all the members present that the condition of grass generally is the same, particularly those fields recently seeded.

Besides numerous other subjects incidentally discussed, was that of *the proper time and best mode of harvesting maize, with a view both to the preservation of the grain and fodder.* Mr. Sheridan stated that he preferred topping the corn, curing the top stalks and stacking or housing them; and after the corn was gathered, turning in the cattle to eat the lower blades and shucks, or husks; that he foddered his stalks uncut in mangers in the yard; and he removed the butt stalks by cutting them at the ground and carting some to the barnyard and burning others on the field.

Mr. Pearson said that he preferred cutting the corn at the ground, and when the corn was husked, stacking the fodder by the side of the barn yard and feeding it whole in racks made by setting two rows of stakes close together over a pole some four feet from the ground, and laying the stalks in the open space above the cross; that the cattle would thus select all the palatable portion, and the remainder he threw in the yard for manure.

Mr. Harrison agreed with Mr. Pearson, except that he said he thought it economy to pass through the field before the blades began to die, and pluck those below the ear and place them between the stalks to cure, which he said were of little or no value if left until the corn was fit to cut at the bottom; and he gave it as his opinion that there might be thus obtained a half ton per acre of more value than the best timothy hay.

Mr. Ford said that he preferred cutting at the ground while the leaves were yet green, or as soon as the grain was generally glazed, and ripening it in the shock; and after the corn was husked, placing the stalks in stouks containing ten or fifteen sheaves, and drawing them from the field as needed for use; that he had never prepared the fodder by cutting for his cattle, but he doubted not that it would be much improved by cutting and steaming.

Mr. Haines said that he cut his corn at the ground; when husked, he bound the stalks into sheaves, and sold them at from two and a half to three dollars per hundred sheaves, and this he thought a good way of disposing of them, not having sufficient stock upon his farm to make the fodder an object to him.

Mr. Wilkinson said that he had practised various systems of management with both the stalks and corn, and that he considered the corn fit to cut when the kernels are fairly glazed, though he had often cut it at an earlier period, to prevent the injury of the fodder and corn by frost. He stated that all experi-

ments to ascertain the relative profit of the two systems of cutting the stalks at the ground, and topping and blading, had resulted in establishing the fact that the fodder is more valuable, and the yield and quality of the corn better, when cut at the ground at the proper time; beside, the expense of harvesting was much less. He said that the course he pursued was to cut very close by the ground and place about 200 stalks in each stouk, binding them closely near the top and allowing them to stand thus, until the corn is fully matured, when he husked, assorted and cribbed the corn, and bound the stalks into bundles of about fifty spires each; these he placed in stouks of about 20 sheaves each, which he binds very closely near the tops, with tarred cord, using a rope which two men pass around the stouk, drawing it closely together before the cord is tied. The stalks thus stacked up, he allowed to stand in the field until needed for feeding, when he drew in a sufficient quantity to make, when chopped, 400 or 500 bushels.

Before passing them through the stalk cutter, he, by means of a sharp narrow axe, and placing them on the end of a block of wood, chops off from one foot to twenty inches, which he throws immediately into the barnyard, where, in consequence of their being cut so short, they are soon converted into fine manure.

The remainder he passes through a horse-power cutter, with which he cuts from 60 to 100 bushels per hour into pieces about one-third of an inch in length; this done he passes them through the threshing machine, setting the cylinder close into the concave containing the stationary spikes, and running it at a very high speed, by which process one horse will crush into shreds two hundred bushels per hour.

He said that cornstalks thus prepared and steamed will be eaten with avidity by the cattle, and he much preferred them without any other feed to the best timothy hay. He further added that he usually had the corn and cob ground together, and mixed it with the cut stalks for his milch cows.

The Club, after a very profitable meeting, adjourned to meet at the Mount Airy Agricultural Institute, on Tuesday, the 21st inst.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1852

On the 21st ult. the Farmers' Club met at the Mount Airy Agricultural Institute, the residence and farm of its principal, Professor Wilkinson. Agreeable and profitable to the members

as have been the meetings of the Club, on no previous occasion have they been more enjoyed. The day was propitious, and the attendance general. The President being absent, Mr. George Blight occupied the chair.

It would be difficult to record within moderate bounds the numerous kindred subjects which were directly and indirectly noticed—the diversity of crops, variety of implements, stocks, fruits, manures, each led to discussion and interchange of sentiments; of course sometimes conflicting, at others unanimity of opinion gave hope, at least, that the truth had been arrived at.

The farm comprises 72 acres, of which 65 are under cultivation. The crops embrace a greater variety than usual, it being one object with Mr. W. to exhibit to his numerous pupils the culture of esculent roots for stock, etc., as well as the cereals and grasses.

The stock was in good condition, and though having no claim, as Mr. W. observed, to high breeding, exhibited their value in the right way; one cow having produced $71 net in eight months, that is, after paying the farm for all its food at market prices; another has produced 27 quarts of milk in one day. We noticed a pair of Devon oxen, twins, of remarkable similarity in size, color, and countenance; in connection with them may be named an adjusting yoke recently patented, and designed to correct the habit of crowding and drawing, which appeared to possess merit.

The corn crop was excellent; it may probably yield 65 bushels per acre; indeed, a portion of it was estimated at 70. The land was in low condition, and 150 lbs. guano was given broadcast before planting, and as much when the plants were four inches high.

The effect of guano on thin soils was a subject of comment. Mr. Landreth remarked that he had recently seen on the Peninsula, Delaware, 40 bushels corn per acre on worn-out lands, "dead poor," as the phrase there is, by the application of 200 lbs. to the acre. On lands in heart, the effect is but slightly evident. Mr. Wilkinson plants his corn two feet by four, two grains in a hill and marks out by a simple implement, which he also uses as a rubber or clod crusher.

The saving of corn fodder was discussed, and the comparative profits of cutting up and topping and blading. This has long been a mooted point. All concurred in the opinion that fodder was not duly valued; indeed, it was remarked that shipments of cured blades had recently been made to England for racing horses.

Mr. Wilkinson is celebrated for his stock of "Dutchess" hogs, which are really worthy of all praise. As an evidence, the pigs readily command $30 to $50 per pair, and single ones with extra-ordinary points, have sold at $65. A cross of the "Dutchess" and an imported Neapolitan sow, the property of the Philadelphia Agricultural Society, exhibited fine qualities.

The implements of the farm were of approved construction, and had evidently been selected with a just appreciation of the purposes for which they were designed. Mr. W. has applied the round tooth to the square harrow (or rather jointed harrow of triangular form for the same use); the advantage of the round over the square tooth, consists in the more secure manner in which it may be driven into the frame, through a common auger hole; in being less liable to gather the soil when damp; and in costing much less to manufacture, being cut from rod-iron.

The advantage of summer pruning was exhibited on the orchard; the marks of the saw and knife having been speedily healed, leaving behind scarcely a mark to tell where a limb had been removed.

Neither time nor space admits of noting many things worthy of comment. The Club expressed unqualified pleasure in their visit, and with one consent awarded to Professor Wilkinson encomium of the *Model Tenant*, who while paying $1000 per annum for 65 acres of tillable land, contrives to keep everything in order, seldom excelled by the most wealthy owner. We trust that Mr. W.'s example will have an influence much needed in this community, and that his Institute may be duly appreciated.

The next meeting of the Club will take place at Arendell, the residence of Isaac Pearson, Esq.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1852

On the 26th ult., the Farmers' Club met at Arendell, the farm of Mr. Isaac Pearson, a fellow member. Our notice of the grounds, buildings, etc., will be concise, they having been fully described in previous reports.

Probably one of the best planned and most capacious barns in the eastern portion of our State, was erected on this property some years since, at the cost of $6,000.

Mr. Pearson is an advocate of rutabagas; his crop, still in growth, was unusually fine, and will, he thinks, this season reach his former limit of 700 bushels the acre—a quantity considerably

beyond the usual average. Mr. Pearson, however, desires to excel his neighbors in view of his care in the culture of this crop. It may be useful to describe his course: When breaking up land previously in corn, for potatoes, the portion designed for rutabagas is also plowed and replowed from time to time, until July, and when the crop is sown the land is comparatively clean. Those who have unfortunately attempted this crop in foul land can readily estimate the advantage of entire freedom from weeds. In Mr. Pearson'spatch none were visible! With Mr. Pearson, grain follows potatoes, and when giving the rutabagas the final harrowing (say October 1st) grain- and grass-seed is sown over them broadcast and harrowed in; thus the entire field comes in as though the whole had been in potatoes.

The stock consists of the usual number of horses for a farm of this size, together with twenty-four cows, principally fine specimens of the native breed, reared by himself. The produce of the dairy is sold at home, at Philadelphia prices. The variety of corn preferred by Mr. P. is the mixed gourd-seed—probably the most productive in this region. The stripping off the blades, *below the ear only*, as early as they give evidence of decline, while it would yet be unsafe to cut, is successfully practiced by Mr. Pearson; he has thus made a half ton to the acre of superior fodder *which is usually lost*; and from a computation of the cost, gets $4.00 per day for his men's services while employed at this work. Is not this practice worthy of being copied? We think so, most decidedly.

The orchard comprises fifteen acres, cultivated in rotation as are other fields. Many of the trees have seen their best days, and as they decay, young ones are substituted—a practice of doubtful utility, though in this case apparently successful.

The Club was gratified to find that the multiplicity of Mr. Pearson's farming operations had not prevented attention to the refined enjoyment of rural life. His grapery, comprising Hamburg and Chasselas (managed, be it observed, without artificial heat, and thus capable of being copied by those of limited means) was in fine condition, and, as we can testify, abounding in finely flavored fruit.

The beautiful approach to Mr. Pearson's residence, winding through wood and cultivated fields, was greatly admired, and in this particular, as in many others, he has set an example worthy of imitation.

The Club adjourned to meet at the "Telegraph Farm," Germantown, on the 23d inst.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1852

The meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the house of Philip R. Freas, in Germantown, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. There was a large attendance of the members, besides several distinguished guests.

The editor of the *Telegraph*, having originated the Club, and being a warm and active friend of agriculture, horticulture, etc., in all their ramifications, the meeting of this association upon his premises is always attended with interest and satisfaction. Though his whole plot of ground comprises less than two and a half acres, yet he makes out to produce upon it, in perfection, a little of everything. During the present year there were cut two tons and a quarter of prime hay; there were patches of turnips, carrots, parsnips, beets, cabbages (three kinds), onions, peas, frejole and a half dozen other kinds of beans; salsify, lettuce, okra, corn (Stowell's, sugar, and Adams'), potatoes, pumpkins (three varieties), squashes, tomatoes, egg plants, asparagus in abundance, celery (of splendid quality), together with almost every other kind of vegetable to be found in the catalogue. His fruits consist of melons, six kinds of cherries, five kinds of plums, peaches, twenty-eight varieties of select pears; twelve varieties of apples; red, white, and black currants, gooseberries, blackberries and four varieties of raspberries, grapes, etc., etc. In the garden and the mansion yard there was a very choice collection of flowers, among them many select roses and rare vines. The ornamental trees consist of five varieties of the fir: the Japonica cryptomeria, the Deodar cedar, the Irish yew, and the American arbor vitæ; the European linden, the sugar and silver maple, the English and mountain ash, etc., etc.

In addition to these there were a number of beautiful Polish fowls—black, white, and spangled—and peafowls, in the barnyard, a fish pond in the garden, and a large number of choice fancy pigeons at the house. In all this there is an excellent taste displayed. We noticed that the house and offices were lighted with gas, warmed with a heater, and supplied with water from the public works. Baths, hot and cold, have for years been supplied by a reservoir on an elevated back building, holding some 1500 gallons, which has also furnished pure, soft rain water for various parts of the buildings.

In the garden is a small greenhouse, excavated in the ground, say to the depth of three or four feet, framed up at the sides, raised a couple of feet above ground, and covered with glass. In this enclosure or pit the usual shelves are arranged to receive the pots; and we are assured by Major Freas that it is the best possible provision for flowers and almost every description of plants in winter. Roses, particularly, flourish in much greater perfection. During the whole of the last unusually severe winter but a single delicate night-blooming jassamine was at all injured by the frost. *This green-house requires no artificial heat!* In the hot-beds we found cucumbers and cauliflowers up, lettuce heading, and spring radishes fully grown. We may truly say, in regard to the "Telegraph Farm," that it is a farm in miniature; but in comfort, convenience, and taste, without any large pretension to mere costly elegance, it is a pattern "plantation," and would in the full growing season afford compensation for a visit from any of our ponderous farmers. In a word, it is in the strict sense of the word, a *home.*

Mr. S. C. Ford presented the Club with a sample of a beautiful variety of seedling apples produced in New England, which was named by the Club the "Olney Apple."

Mr. I. Pearson also presented a sample of very large and fine Fallenwalders, the product of his own orchard. A number of samples of Indian corn were also presented by different members, of which that grown by Mr. Ford was given the preference. Mr. F. has an extraordinary crop this year. Messrs. Pearson, C. W. Harrison, and others stated that their corn was not as abundant a crop this year as last. Mr. Wilkinson said that his was better than he had grown before for years, which he attributed to the mode of tillage pursued and fertilizers applied, which was as follows: He planted two fields, one a timothy sward of two years' standing, the other a clover ley of one year.

He applied on the first in the month of March last 250 pounds Peruvian guano, broadcast, and allowed it to remain until the middle of May. When the grass was one foot in height it was plowed under to the depth of six inches, followed with a sub-soil plow to the depth of seven inches more. When the corn was about five inches high, he tilled it with a small one-horse plow, turning the furrow *from* the hill, then followed immediately after the plow, and applied 250 lbs. more of guano by strewing it in the furrow just opened; after which cultivation followed, working the guano under.

After this, the crop received no other culture than four workings with Rogers' and M'Kinney's improved cultivator, with no hand hoeing; and the product of this corn was estimated by the Club when they examined it in September last at from sixty to seventy bushels per acre. Mr. W. stated that the crop was not all harvested, but that he believed it would yield even more than it was estimated.

The other, on clover ley, was turned under about the same time with 500 lbs. of guano sown broadcast; and after it was planted a small shovelful of Soaper's waste compost was strewn over the hills. This crop is fully equal to the other, taking into consideration the difference in the varieties of corn planted—the first being a large variety of mixed flint and gourd-seed, the other the Dutton corn of New York.

Mr. Haines stated that he steeped his corn in blue vitriol, which effectually prevented the mice from eating it or the moles from disturbing it. He also stated that he pursued the same course with Stowell's seed corn, and it destroyed the germ.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he had just completed harvesting his crop of carrots, which had yielded 1050 bushels per acre, and that he was now selling them in Philadelphia from forty to forty-five cents per bushel. He said that he should offer the crop in both the County and State Societies for a premium, when he would publish the system pursued by which it was produced.

We have in our vast country, the soil, the climate, and to some extent the home market—the three great fundamental requisites constituting the strength, wealth, prosperity and independence of a nation; but we lack, in a lamentable degree, that high standard of intelligence in our yeomanry to which it is their privilege and duty to aspire—the facilities for its attainment being exclusively, on account of their majority in numbers, under their control, if they will but avail themselves of their prerogative. But in order that intelligence should be justly appreciated, its infinite value realized and possession sought by a people as its importance demands, the agents in this movement can be impelled only by the possession of it themselves to a degree that it will operate as an earnest before its real benefits can be anticipated.

It is for want of this earnest in the form of general intelligence, that the *farmers* of our country do not demand the establishment of schools and colleges, where their sons can receive, as those in other professions receive, an education exclusively and fully

adapted to their wants; and that they do not avail themselves of such schools when they are established.

That such seminaries of learning are not appreciated by the great agricultural population of our country, is but too well established by the utter failure to sustain them by sending their sons to be educated in them, and the utter prostration of these institutions one after another. Out of the eleven that have at different times been opened in the United States, but *one* has been continued longer than a single year.

No other medium will be so efficient in preparing the minds of the farmers to appreciate the importance of education for their sons, or for the cultivation of their own minds, as that of *Farmers' Clubs*. Here they also cultivate social intercourse, so deficient in all rural districts.

The interchange of opinion, the communication of their respective experiences, the results of their various operations and experiments, and in short the discussion of matters in detail, old, new, scientific and practical, could not fail in their attaining to what was the object and purpose in establishing this Club, more than two years ago, to wit: The social enjoyment of its members, the increase of our stock of information on every point pertaining to the art to which we are happily devoted; and at the same time by the kindness and liberality of the Editor of the *Telegraph*, who voluntarily reported and published our proceedings, and by his ability in this service we have, from time to time, disseminated far and wide much that was pleasing and instructive.

Mount Airy Agricultural Institute,
November 24, 1852

JOHN WILKINSON,
Secretary Farmers' Club.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1853

A meeting of the Farmers' Club took place on the 31st ult., at Silver Springs Farm, the residence of James S. Huber, one of the members.

We have before spoken of the fine location of the buildings upon this excellent little farm, and of the general good taste which pervades every department, where comfort, convenience and neatness are concerned. Ten or twelve years ago, when these premises came into the possession of Mr. Huber, they were in a lamentable

condition, the land being almost entirely valueless for agricultural purposes, having become impoverished by long cropping and neglect. Now, by the admirable system pursued by him, the land is as fertile and productive as any in the neighborhood.

Mr. Huber had recently erected a small steaming apparatus, at a cost of $25. Each of his cows in profit now consume daily 12 pounds of cut hay, together with a mixture of four and one-half quarts shipstuff, Indian meal and cake meal. This will weigh, when thoroughly steamed, about 46 lbs., gaining in the process of cooking about 31 lbs., by the absorption of water. He formerly fed to each cow 20 lbs. long hay daily; here, it will be seen, is a saving of 8 lbs. per day for each cow, which, even in a small dairy of ten cows, would amount to 80 lbs. per diem.

The calculation for 180 days (from the middle of October to the 15th of April) would stand thus:

80 lbs. hay per day for 180 days—14,400 lbs., at 60c per cwt.		$77.14 gain
Deduct from this 20 per cent interest on cost of apparatus, $25	$5.00	
Value of extra time and labor, taken up of one man, say ⅔ more, at $18 per month for wages and board, would be $6 per month for 6 months	36.00	
Fuel for six months, 1½ pecks coke daily at 6c per bushel	4.05	
	$45.05	45.05
		$32.09 net gain

leaving a net gain of $32.09, or $12.09 after paying for the apparatus *in one season.* In a dairy of fifteen cows the gain would be considerably increased, nearly 50 per cent, requiring little or no more fuel; or where coke is not convenient the refuse wood about the farm may be used, to which little or no value can be attached.

He thus endeavored to show that the value of cooked food is not, in his opinion, a matter of doubt, while the means of adapting it are within the reach of every farmer. He said he arrived at these conclusions after a series of careful experiments, in which he did not take into consideration the health and condition of his cattle, which he considered better than under his former mode of feeding.

There were many topics discussed, interesting to the general farmer. The meeting, altogether, was one of peculiar satisfaction, admitting, as these meetings always do, of a free, frank and general interchange of sentiments upon all subjects connected with agriculture.

The Club adjourned to meet at the house of Algernon S. Roberts, in the city of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 26th inst.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1853

A meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the town residence of A. S. Roberts, Esq. The attendance was full. The character of the meeting, like that of previous ones, was very interesting and instructive.

The subject of growing barley was called up by Mr. Wilkinson, who expressed great surprise that the brewers of Philadelphia should have unitedly issued a circular addressed to the farmers of our State, urging them to embark largely in the culture of barley with which to supply them for the purposes of brewing; when all who have produced this crop, with a view to selling it for brewing in Philadelphia, know full well that past experience in this matter has been anything but encouraging. Mr. W. stated that he produced over one hundred bushels of barley last year, and sent his steward with a sample of it to all the brewers of note in Philadelphia; and though they all pronounced it a good sample for Pennsylvania barley, they could not give but 65 cents per bushel, while at the same time barley was quoted at 80 cents per bushel in Albany, N. Y. Mr. W. stated that his barley weighed 44½ lbs. per bushel, was perfectly clean and bright; that his crop, which was acknowledged to be a good one for this region, yielded but 26¼ bushels per acre, which, at 65 cents, amounted to but $17.06; while the balance of the field in oats, both crops treated alike, yielded 68 bushels per acre, and was sold at 45 cents, amounting to $30.60 per acre. The land and each crop was accurately measured.

Mr. Pearson stated that he had never attempted to produce barley but once. He had then but tolerable success, and when he was ready to market it, he could get no offer for it from the brewers; hence, he decided to produce in future crops that would sell when grown.

Mr. Harrison stated that his experience in the production and sale of barley entirely coincided with his neighbor, Mr. Pearson.

Mr. Sheridan stated that he produced some barley, but not with a view of finding a market at the breweries in Philadelphia; but that he used it as provender for all his domestic animals, and thought it a valuable grain for feeding. The general opinion expressed was that oats could be grown to better profit in this State; at any rate, that barley-raising offered no encouragement to the farmer.

The subject of making and preserving pork, lard, hams, etc., was discussed. Mr. Pearson stated that the plan he had pursued for years, with full satisfaction in rendering lard for the use of his family, was to make about three pints of good clear ley from hickory wood ashes, and put it into the kettle into which 100 lbs. of lard was to be tried, or rendered; then render it in the usual manner. He said by this course the lard rendered easier, was whiter, sweeter, and kept longer. The major part of the members stated that they cured hams by recipe published for many years in the *Germantown Telegraph*, called the "*Telegraph* Recipe," and found it so far to be unsurpassed.

Mr. Wilkinson said that it was of great importance to have all of the animal heat expelled from meat before the salt is applied—that he took all of the bone out of the side pork and cured it by packing it as closely as possible with alternating layers of meat and salt, filling all the interstices with the latter, and when the cask is filled, a clean stone is laid on the meat to keep it from floating, and the brine is poured on hot as it comes from the fire. He had known a brine to be used for upwards of twenty years by reboiling and skimming it once a year before applying. He cures hams by dissolving an ounce of saltpetre to twenty pounds of meat, and moistening the meat on the flesh side with the saltpetre brine, after which he rubs the flesh side of the meat thoroughly with good fine salt, and places it on shelves or tables in the cellar, laying each ham on two corn cobs; after they have laid three or four days he moistens them again as above, and rubs again, coating them well with salt. After they have laid four days more, if the weight of the hams do not exceed 20 lbs., they may then be smoked immediately; but if they are very large, they will require to be rubbed once more and lay four days again. Mr. W. said that he considered pork-making to a certain degree very profitable, but that at the usual price for pork no more hogs than could be kept on the offal of the farm up to within four or six weeks of killing would

be profitable. He said that when the dairy was used for butter-making, one pig to each cow could be kept to great advantage.

Mr. Harrison said that his experience in turning in Indian corn, sown broadcast, as a fertilizer, had induced the conviction that it was good economy.

Mr. Sheridan said that his experience conflicted with Mr. Harrison's. Mr. Wilkinson gave it as his opinion that all green crops designed for fertilizer, should be well matured before they are turned in, as the percentage of water is less at that stage, and the valuable ingredients of the plant more abundant. He had observed the best result from plowing in clover and buckwheat when in full blossom; but when it is desirable to turn in clover, and seed again with clover immediately, it is economical to allow about half of the seed of the clover to ripen sufficiently to re-seed the land without applying other seed.

The relative value of the root crops generally for feeding to domestic animals was discussed.

The potato was considered too expensive at the price they command in this region to use profitably for feeding. The rutabaga was admitted by all to be a profitable crop. The course pursued in the culture of this crop by Mr. Pearson was considered very judicious, viz; that of seeding with rye and grass with the last culture of the crop.

Mr. Wilkinson said that the carrot crop had proved the most profitable to him for the Philadelphia market; but that the market was limited, and only a certain amount could be sold, as they were chiefly used for gentlemen's carriage horses. He had supplied Adams & Co. with from three hundred to four hundred bushels per annum for the past four years for their horses, and no horses in the state are better kept than their express animals.

The meeting altogether was a most interesting and entertaining one, and we trust was conducive to the great interests the institution of the Club was intended to promote.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1853

A meeting of the Farmers' Club took place at Devon Farm, the residence of George Blight, Esq., on the 29th ult.—A. S. Roberts, Esq., President, in the chair. There was a full attendance of the members, including several invited guests, and the meeting passed off with unusual spirit and interest.

It being too early for field operations, the Club had but little out-door duty. On the lawn around the mansion, there is perhaps the finest collection of evergreen trees, including the different varieties of the Norway spruce, silver pine, American and European arbor vitæ, etc., etc., to be found in the county of Philadelphia, if not in the whole State.

The attention of the Club was called to various topics connected with agriculture, which were discussed in the usual informal manner; and though generally not calculated for publication, were of a character of much personal interest to the members.

The corn crop was next considered. Spring plowing was generally preferred; also, the plowing in of a fair application of well rotted barnyard manure; plow a medium depth only—rows for the mixed gourd-seed and yellow flint should be 4 feet each way; for the Dutton and white flint, 3½ feet each way was about the proper distance.

Mr. Haines—a successful corn grower—said he preferred the rows 4 feet each way for the corn he produced, and believed he could produce more at that distance apart than at any other. He usually dropped from four to five grains into a hill, separating them as much as possible, and then applied a small shovelful of short manure to each hill. He used the cultivator only. His crops were good—how many bushels to the acre he did not know, as the corn has not been measured. We saw Mr. H.'s crop last fall, and it was unusually heavy, with scarcely a weed in the whole field, evincing careful cultivation.

Dr. M'Crea thought the Dutton corn, where the ground was in good condition, was as productive as any other variety he had yet tried.

He said his crop of last year, producing 93 bushels to the acre, on nearly 12 acres, was of that variety; but strange to say, that the stalk, instead of exhibiting a rather dwarfish appearance, which it made on most farms he saw, grew to an immense height, the whole field averaging from 12 to 14 feet. His crop was planted, however, in a rich sward, which had not been turned under before for thirty years.

Mr. Roberts regarded the Dutton as a very valuable variety of corn, but thought that it was hardly as productive as gourd-seed and yellow flint mixed; and mentioned a heavy crop raised of it, by a farmer tenant of his, which yielded, as we understood him to say, over one hundred bushels to the acre.

Mr. Freas said that so far as mere quantity was concerned, he thought that there could not be the least disputing of the fact, that Stowell's evergreen sweet, would easily carry off the palm. He produced from *two to four ears on every stalk*, and though they were not very large, the grains were very long and the cob small, so that the corn *measured* well. He thought, also, that the planting of this valuable description of corn, while it would take the place of all others as a table corn, would also be largely resorted to by farmers to sow broadcast as green food for their cattle, as it was found to be greatly relished by them.

Professor Haldeman said that he had frequently heard of the prolific character of the Stowell corn, and was glad to hear it confirmed. As a table corn, he thought it unequalled. In the county of Lancaster where he resided, there was no particular corn adopted for field culture. At one time, the yellow flint was almost universally produced; then the gourd-seed was in great vogue—now the gourd-seed and yellow flint mixed is generally preferred. He alluded to the premium crop of 96 bushels to the acre raised in that county last year, and remarked that though not the principal crop, it had received great attention from the farmers there, who were usually very successful in raising it.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at Olney, the residence of Samuel C. Ford, Esq., on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1853

The Farmers' Club held a meeting at Olney, the residence of Samuel C. Ford, Esq., on the 26th ult. There was a full attendance of members present, and the usual informal proceedings were passed through.

When this property came into the possession of Mr. Ford there existed an impassable marsh on both sides of the turnpike road, several acres in extent, and bordering on Tacony Creek, which was overgrown with the usual attendants of this description of land, and which from time immemorial had been regarded as in a measure worthless. A judicious system of draining and cultivation, however, soon brought it into use, and it is now estimated, in its productive capacity, to be equal to any other portion of the farm.

In another part of the premises, a deep gully, washed probably by the rains of half a century, unmolested, has been thoroughly restored by the laying down of a well-constructed French drain,

so that it not only carries off all the surplus water, but the land admits of cultivation with the rest of the fields, and now has a good crop of wheat growing upon it.

The extirpation of sorrel enlisted the attention of the Club, and it seemed to be the experience of all the members present that there was nothing so effectual as an application of lime, with thorough cultivation. One member remarked that he never knew sorrel to grow upon a fertile soil, and that its appearance may always be regarded as an indication of poverty.

Potato culture was much discussed, but it is deemed unnecessary to give the opinions of the different members, especially as there were few points of difference. All agreed that the rows might be as near to each other as would admit of cultivation between them —that it was a matter of small importance whether the manure was plowed in regularly or raked upon the seed, where the ground was in good condition, and that small tubers were in all respects as productive as any other size, the large ones possessing the advantage only when the early part of the season is dry, in nourishing the young plant. It was the general opinion that the potato rot has had its day, and that it would not prevail hereafter to any serious extent. The Club would not advise the purchase of the secret remedies for the rot, which certain persons pretend to have discovered, and would warn farmers generally against what they could not otherwise than consider a mere nostrum.

There was some difference as to the proper season for planting corn, as well as to the number of grains to a hill, the width of the rows and hills apart. One or two of the members preferred the crop to be put in as soon in May as it could be accomplished, so that in the event of damage from worms, mice, birds, or wet weather there would be time for replanting. Others contended that the 10th of the month up to the 15th was ample time, and it would also admit of replanting, and not render the seed so liable to injury from cold, moist weather, and other causes operating at an early period. From four to five grains to a hill was the proper number to be scattered properly as dropped; some run their rows three and one-half feet by three, others three and one-half by four, and others four by four, according to the varieties of the corn.

The indications for an abundant yield of pears, peaches, plums, and small fruits, were reported to be most promising and could not fail to be realized, should the season be exempt from late frosts.

The Club separated after a most agreeable session; and will hold the next monthly meeting at such place as shall be duly announced.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1853

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Club, held at Bloomsdale, the farm of David Landreth, Esq., on the 14th inst., Owen Sheridan, Esq., of Union Grove Farm, Chestnut Hill, was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year, and Samuel C. Ford, Esq., of Olney Farm, Secretary. The Club also held an election for a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John Wilkinson, Esq., removed from the State, when John Price Wetherill, Esq., was unanimously chosen. The Club consists of twelve members, and the meetings are held monthly at the houses of the members.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1853

The June Meeting of the Farmers' Club, was held at "Bloomsdale," the seed farm and residence of David Landreth Esq., on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

The multifarious character of the crops under cultivation renders it impracticable to particularize and keep our report within suitable bounds. Among the more prominent ones we noticed *fifty acres in peas*, which, at the time of our visit, were assuming the hue of approaching maturity. The harvest of this crop is made with dispatch, and the same land immediately laid down in beans, which in turn are harvested in October. The process of culture at Bloomsdale may thus be seen, and though the land appropriated to garden seeds is nearly 200 acres, yet the practical effect is to plow within the year at least 300!

It might be instructive to note the progressive demand for seeds, and consequent enlargement of grounds devoted to their culture. The father of the present Mr. L., who was the first in this country to systematically cultivate seeds for sale, commenced his operations shortly after the Revolution, on a very limited scale, but at that day sufficiently large to meet the demand, with the aid of occasional importations from Europe; and within the last quarter of a century the grounds cultivated by this concern (then as now the largest in the Union) did not exceed 30 acres. Now the shipment of seeds is to far distant points. California calls for supplies

by almost every ship; Oregon and New Mexico make occasional demands; South America and the West Indies are regular customers; and the British possessions in Asia obtain annual supplies. Within a short period prior to our late visit, Mr. L. had completed a shipment of *four* tons, ordered for distribution in British India! Thus has increased the commercial demand for one of our country's many products, and thus is answered a question which is very naturally often asked on viewing the crops at Bloomsdale: Where is a market found for all these seeds? The amount of labor expended in the culture is evidently great, and though nearly all the crops are in drills, thus admitting of mechanical aid, still many hands are requisite to subdue the weeds, harvest and thresh the crops, and perform other operations incident to the business.

Since our last visit a tank for collecting liquid manure flowing from the barnyard has been erected; it is capable of holding about 50 hogsheads, durably built of stone, coated with hydraulic cement, and is emptied by an ordinary chain pump, which discharges into a cask on wheels. This, though an economy almost universal among English farmers, is seldom resorted to in this country, though it could be with decided advantage by every tiller of the soil.

Among the additions to the live stock, we noticed a pair of Norman ponies, which are made to serve a double purpose—amuse the youngsters and cultivate drill crops; they work within sixteen inches, and possess sufficient power for the harrow. These, with mules for similar labor, and oxen and heavy horses for plowing and cartage of manure, are the force employed.

We might here express regret that many among us who have expended largely in the erection of their mansions have not decorated their grounds to accord therewith. True taste consists in an harmonious whole—the grounds and buildings to be pleasing and effective must be "in keeping." Even the *habit* of trees should be studied—certain trees suit certain styles of architecture; flat-headed ones do not accord with pointed buildings, nor do spiral trees harmonize with Italian structure, the lines of which are mainly horizontal. On these subjects we have much to learn. Let us meanwhile practice what we know already, and thus impart the information to others.

The conversation of the Club was, as usual, on a variety of agricultural topics, too rambling to be reported, but eliciting remarks, opinions, and the recital of experiments of much interest.

After an unusually pleasant meeting, the Club adjourned to meet at "Prospect Hill," the farm of Charles W. Harrison, Esq., at such time next month as shall hereafter be announced.

GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1853

A meeting of the Farmers' Club, was held on Tuesday the 28th of June, at "Prospect Hill," the residence of Charles W. Harrison, Esq.

The crops raised on the farm this season consist of fifteen acres of wheat, twelve acres of corn, twenty-two of oats, five of barley and five of potatoes, and the remainder hay. A small dairy of well-selected stock is also kept for the use of the family. Mr. H. has adopted a system of cultivation which bids fair to be very successful. All the manure made on the farm is applied to the ground intended for the corn crops, in an unfermented state, during the winter and spring, thereby preventing the great waste that is always the result of the exposure of a heap of manure in an open yard during the summer. The corn is followed by an oat crop, and as soon as this is harvested the ground is plowed and the corn is sown broadcast, two bushels to the acre; this is allowed to grow until the time of sowing wheat, when it will have attained from two to three feet in height. It is then plowed under, and after a dressing of 250 lbs. of guano to the acre the wheat is put in.

The corn, oat and wheat crops are all good; but the time has been insufficient to demonstrate as yet the advantage of this system, which can only be determined by the crops of grass that succeed them.

The meeting was rendered one of peculiar interest by the trial of machines for harvesting and mowing. McCormick's, Manny's, and Ketchum's were on the farm. The first two are mowers and reapers combined, the last is a mower only. McCormick's reaper was first tried, and performed satisfactorily, except in the manner of discharging the grain from the apron, the present mode being attended with much manual labor. Manny's machine having been broken in a trial the day previous was not used, but the principles upon which it is constructed did not seem to be as satisfactory as those of the other two.

Ketchum's mowing machine was tried, and with perfect success. One man, with two horses, perform the entire work, cutting the grass cleanly and smoothly and laying it in position to cure. The

members of the Club were unanimous in expressing their favorable opinion of this substitute for the scythe, as being the most perfect and effective yet introduced, and it will necessarily be used in future in all large operations.

Among the many other subjects of interest to the farmer which were discussed, the present system of selling market produce from wagons, occupying almost the entire length and a large portion of some of our principal streets, was referred to.

It can easily be understood that in the early days of the city such a practice was found convenient and profitable; but as the number of these four-wheeled market houses has necessarily increased with the rapid increase of the metropolis which they supply, this necessity is no longer evident. That which was once a convenience ceases to be so when miles of our thoroughfares are thus occupied to the interruption of passengers riding or walking and the hindrance of business of almost every description, to which its advantage to the public is by no means correspondent.

The enterprise of one of our most public-spirited citizens, John Rice, Esq., in building a handsome market house for the sale of meat and vegetables, was highly commended; but as the use of buildings of this description requires the farmer to unload his wagon and distribute his produce, it was found that the inconvenience arising from this would not supply the necessary wants unless the farmer should dispose of his produce to the regular huckster.

It was therefore suggested that, either by private enterprise or public authority, interior of squares in appropriate locations may be obtained, and markets established by constructing sheds in which, without uuharnessing or removing his horse from the vehicle, the farmer might supply the animal with feed, while the backs of the wagons would form a sheltered hollow square easy of access to the public, in which places can be secured by the payment of a small rent; thus among other advantages obviating the necessity of driving the market wagon to the city upon Thursday and Friday evenings as required at the present time in order to secure a place not occupied by the hucksters. There was, however, a diversity of opinion on this subject, which was postponed for a future discussion. The opinion was unanimous or nearly so, that the market sheds in the public streets should be removed, and the important streets now obstructed by them should be appropriated to their legitimate purposes.

The day was remarkably fine, and the Club, after a most agreeable and instructive meeting, adjourned to assemble on the 19th of July, at the farm of John Price Wetherill, Esq., in Montgomery County.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1853

DEATH OF JOHN PRICE WETHERILL

It is with sincere sorrow we announce, in the present issue of our paper, the death of Colonel John Price Wetherill, so long, so well and so favorably known as a prominent and useful citizen of Philadelphia. It was but a few weeks ago we met him at the monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club, of which he had just been unanimously elected a member; and it was then noticed that he appeared in fine health and spirits, and added by his varied knowledge of farming and farm implements much to the interest of the occasion. Indeed, the stated meeting for the present month was to have been held at his really splendid farm in Montgomery County on the 19th inst., and it was countermanded in consequence of his indisposition only the day before.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1853

A meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at "Arendell," the farm of Isaac Pearson, Esq., in Delaware Township.

The loss the Club had sustained in the decease of one of its members, John Price Wetherill, Esq., whose agricultural experience and scientific attainments were so well calculated to increase the interest and usefulness of the meetings, was sincerely regretted.

The principal product of this farm is timothy hay, for which there is a constant and increasing demand in the Philadelphia market.

About twenty acres of corn, five of potatoes and rutabagas, and twenty acres of oats, followed by wheat, constitute the chief crops.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1853

The Club held a very pleasant meeting on the 13th inst., at the farm of Mr. John S. Haines, one of their members, in this borough. A small nursery upon the premises will hereafter supply most of the evergreens required. This latter feature should be introduced upon every plantation, especially as it can be added with but little trouble and expense, and will prove a great convenience.

Mr. Charles Bradfield exhibited to the Club on the occasion Parker's new method of belting applied to a sawing machine, also a small model of a threshing machine, both driven by hand power. The testing of these machines by the members was as ample as the means permitted—that is, as complete as it could be, without the presence of another machine, driven by the ordinary belting. The result, however, was in the highest degree satisfactory. With the power of a single arm, which is about the sixteenth part of a horse-power, the saw was made to pass rapidly through a seasoned inch and one-quarter oak plank, for the accomplishment of which, by the common method of belting, a horse-power is usually put in requisition. Grain was also threshed by the small thresher by hand power, with comparative ease, though the journals ran in rough wooden boxes, having no friction wheels, nor balance wheels, as other machines possess. The thresher was exhibited only to show the increased power possessed by this new belting, and we are free to say that the result surprised and gratified us. The method is not only simple and compact, occupying much less space than the ordinary belting, but it is beautiful and not liable to get out of repair. That it actually yields from one-third to one-half more power than the old system was demonstrated. Its application to rotary machinery of almost every description we should suppose would be a desideratum of a very important nature, and we learn that it is already being seized upon and substituted for the old belting by many of our heavy manufacturers.

We exhibited to the members of the Club one of the finest bunches of Malaga grapes received from Mr. Moore, of Quakertown, produced in open culture. They were the first grapes of this variety that any of the members had seen so produced; and they were regarded as finer flavored than the imported Malagas, and, some of them thought, equal to the Black Hamburg.

The next meeting of the Club will take place at "Silver Spring," the farm of Mr. James S. Huber.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1854

As some inquiries have lately been made of us by readers of our paper as to the non-publication of the proceedings of any late meetings of the Farmers' Club, which were generally read with much satisfaction; and whether the meetings were continued to be held—we reply, that the meetings continue to take place monthly,

and that there has not been the slightest diminution in the interest of those meetings. The proceedings have not been reported, in consequence of the many other engagements of the Secretary of the Club, whose duty it is to report them in whole or in part.

The Club met at the town residence of Dr. A. L. Elwyn, on Tuesday of last week, at which there was the usual attendance, including several guests; among them were Major Hackman, U. S. A., Harry Ingersoll, Esq., William D. Brinckle, M. D., General George Cadwalader, Prof. Henry D. Rogers, Sidney G. Fisher, Esq., Anthony T. Newbold, Esq., George Blight Brown, Esq.

The following are the names of the present members of the Club, as they stand upon the roll—the members being limited to twelve:

Philip R. Freas	Algernon S. Roberts
George Blight	Charles W. Harrison
Samuel C. Ford	A. L. Elwyn
David Landreth	James S. Huber
Owen Sheridan	Isaac Pearson
John S. Haines	Robert Patterson

Of the regular members but one has resigned—John Wilkinson—who removed to Massachusetts; and one died—John Price Wetherill.

A sketch of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Club we expect to publish next week.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, March 15, 1854

The February session of the Farmers' Club was held on the 28th ultimo, at the city residence of Dr. A. L. Elwyn—Mr. Sheridan, the President, in the chair. The attendance of the members afforded the gratifying evidence of unabated interest in the association. By preconcerted arrangement, the winter meetings are mainly held within the town; hence we have no descriptions to record, no reference to make to culture or crops, of lawn or landscape.

If, however, the winter evening be favorable to domestic enjoyment, and the family fireside afford opportunity for intellectual culture, so does that season of comparative leisure present occasion for an association like our own, to review the past, and speculate on the future—to recite to each other the result of experiments in the field and dairy, and to prepare plans for future practice. Viewed in this light, perhaps at no season more than that of frost and snow, does our Club hail the return of the day of meeting.

At that just past, many interesting discussions were held as to tillage, manure, cattle, crops and kindred subjects. The prices, supply, and proper application of guano, was an exciting subject of conversation, and the hope was expressed that our Government at Washington may, by negotiation, prevail on the owners of such treasure to deal with us on more liberal terms; though the Peruvians may not be obnoxious to the illiberality with which they have been charged, if it be true that freights have advanced $10 per ton, while the increased price is but $4. The profits of its application under various circumstances was an interesting topic. One gentleman, known as an extensive farmer on the western shore of Maryland, informed the Club that he had for some years expended $4,000 annually in guano, and with decided advantage; in more than one instance he had applied it to worn-out land, and cropped with corn, in which the product paid for the first cost of the soil, the guano and the tillage, and he believed it would invariably do so under similar circumstances to those referred to by him. On soil in tolerable case such striking results may not be looked for. It was conceded by all that the true mode of applying guano was by deep plowing, thus placing it beyond atmospheric action and providing food sufficiently below the surface to guard against the casualty of drought, and reserving something for the succeeding crop.

There is perhaps no subject more worthy of the attention of farmers, as such, than manures, "the means to an end." Under the most favorable circumstances of position, the transportation of crude manures is a large percentage of the cost; hence the desire for those in concentrated form, and the many such under specious names which desire to attract attention. Some little experience, however, and not without cost, has convinced the writer that concentrated fertilizers are not all they claim to be, and after the many trials Peruvian guano has come out triumphant. Let it be procured at first hand, and in large lots by union with neighbors; thus obtaining it at the lowest scale of prices, apply it properly, and advantageous results may be expected.

The subject of stated sales of stock at auction—trade sales, so to speak—was discussed, and the opinion entertained that the interest of those having domestic animals to dispose of would be vastly promoted by such a measure. A spring and autumn sale, held at a central point, if properly conducted, as is entirely prac-

ticable, and as we believe they are in England, would convene sellers and purchasers from all quarters. It is to be hoped that those directly interested in this suggestion will assume the initiative. Let it be tried by all means.

Improved agricultural machinery has at all times received the attention of the Club, and perhaps there is nothing connected with our art which has more valid claims to regard. Farmers are indisputably the last to profit by mental or mechanical effort. Many, alas! are content to trudge on in the beaten track marked out by preceding generations. Among recent investigations of major interest to agriculturists is a corn-sheller known as "Reading's Patent." Its ability, according to the concurrent testimony of many prominent farmers who have seen it operated, is truly extraordinary.

The Hon. John M. Clayton, of Delaware, certifies from personal observation, its capacity to be fully "one thousand bushels per day." Mr. M. D. Clark, an extensive farmer, near Delaware City, says: "the capabilities of the machine as exhibited, in leaving scarcely a grain on the small end of the dampest cars, the perfect state of the grains after the operation (very little cutting or breaking being discoverable), and the entire and beautiful separation of the cobs from the corn, lead me to pronounce it decidedly superior to any corn-sheller that I have ever used or seen."

The writer of these notes has witnessed its performance with great satisfaction; one of his neighbors, who operated it with one horse, shelled 140 bushels of ears within an hour, and holds the opinion that its capacity, properly managed, is two bushels of clean corn per minute—faster than two men can feed it. The machine in question, be it observed, performs the operations of shelling, separating the corn and cob, and winnowing, at the same moment. And there is little doubt it is destined to rank with the reapers and mowers, which have so favorably exhibited the inventive genius of the American people.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1854

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

The Farmers' Club of Philadelphia held their meeting at the mansion of P. R. Freas, Esq., in the 22d ward, (Germantown). The attendance of the Club was very full, and they were favored besides with the company of several distinguished citizens.

The "Telegraph Farm," though not measuring many "broad acres," is in several respects a model of excellence.

How important has this consideration become in the suburban portions of our great city, since the fashion has so extensively prevailed of occupying country retreats, for quiet retirement, after closing the toils of the day!

In the garden of Mr. Freas may be found fruits, flowers, and vegetables, all in abundance and the *best* of their kinds; let it be remembered, too, that it costs no more to cultivate the finest than the most inferior products.

The conversation of the Club, in the usual free and discursive manner, embraced various topics.

A decided preference was expressed for the early sowing of oats —mainly on account of our summer temperature being too intense for that grain. In speaking of grasses, clover was esteemed the best crop for the nourishment of the ground, both as regards the root and the stalk when turned in the soil. The favorable opinion expressed at the meeting of the Agricultural Society, of Italian rye grass, we repeated, and Mr. Landreth informed the members that he imports the seed quite largely, which indicates that our Pennsylvania farmers are beginning to appreciate its worth.

Allusion was made to an article in the "Annual of Scientific Discovery for 1854," detailing "New Theories in Agriculture," wherein Mr. Schleider maintains, we are apprehensive with more zeal than discretion, that the goodness of soil depends on "its soluble inorganic constituents," and that it "is not richness of soil or humus that produces the multiplied variety of plants, or the absence of it that produces but few." The learned writer informs us of what all the world knows, viz: that plants, while growing, absorb much more carbon than can be supplied directly by the organic material of the soil, which induces him to treat vegetable manure as of little or no consequence as such.

While the short extract given in the work above alluded to contains several excellent ideas, and shows the author to be a man of considerable mark, his scientific zeal, as with many other able writers, runs riot, and among some more extravagances, leads him to condemn "plowing as a necessary evil to be employed only so far as necessity requires!"

Philadelphia, May 17, 1854, A. S. R.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1854

On the 15th ult. the anniversary of this association of practical farmers, and other gentlemen of rural taste, was held at Bloomsdale, known throughout the Union as the seed farm of David Landreth, Esq. There was a full attendance of members—Mr. Sheridan, President, in the chair—and several distinguished guests from various sections of the country—among them Prof. Wilkinson, of Massachusetts; John Jay Smith, Esq., of Germantown; Sidney George Fisher, Esq., of Philadelphia, whose splendid farm lies in Maryland; Samuel Williams, Esq., etc., etc.

It being the annual meeting of the club, the election was held for officers, when Charles W. Harrison, Esq., was unanimously chosen President, and P. R. Freas, secretary for the ensuing year. There being a vacancy in the Club, Dr. James A. M'Crea, of Montgomery county, was unanimously chosen to fill it.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1854

THE FARMERS' CLUB

My Dear Major:—How I should like to be peeping over your shoulders this morning as you are sitting in your sanctum. Some have a dread of an editor's sanctum. Not so with me; I actually love the place; and if you would know why, just take down that volume of "Fern Leaves from Fanny's Portfolio," which graces your shelves, and read what she says on the subject. Fanny speaks my mind exactly.

I say were I peeping over your shoulder, and were you at a loss (hardly a supposable case, though,) for "copy," I should whisper in your ear a request that you indite an account of the very pleasant meeting of the Farmers' Club which was held at our friend Owen Sheridan's, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. You need not hesitate to grant my request, because you were one of the *dramatis personæ*. Not at all. Modesty is a very good thing in its place, but you editors are public men, and when engaged on public business, *i. e.*, writing for your paper, you should lay aside your native and characteristic modesty, just as your farmer does his coat when he goes to plow.

And now, as you have made up your mind to write about the meeting of the Club, you will not forget to mention the distinguished guests who were present, and who contributed so much

to the pleasurable interest of the occasion; among them, you know, were his excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth, William Bigler, and our friend R. C. Walker, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, and Professor Kennedy, of the Polytechnic College, with other agreeable guests. It is always cheering to meet these friends of agriculture, and it was so especially in the spacious porch and hall at Union Place. For Mr. Sheridan's home is not one of the "modern Gothic cottages," built with as many angles as a cocked hat or the card of a mariner's compass, as if just to puzzle our wives and daughters to keep them clean. No! No!! His is a sensible farmhouse (and a sensible farmer's house by the way) replete with all real conveniences within and without. 'Twas a pretty conceit to place the grove of mingled cedars and lindens by the side of the house—a grove large enough and dense enough for a harvest home celebration. The lindens are fully equal in size and beauty to those which adorn the public square in Lyons, and which European travelers so much admire. The cedars are graceful both in summer and winter. The sweet poetess, L. E. L., called evergreens heartless to bloom when surrounded by sighing, decay, and death. I would rather compare them with that *rara avis*, a friend in adversity, shielding and sheltering us when others have deserted.

Even your most experienced agricultural reader would be benefited were we to introduce a description of the fish pond, that annual storehouse of muck; of the paved channel for watering horses and washing vehicles; of the banked reservoir for collecting drainage from the barnyard; of the tiny rills forced to meander through every field for the accommodation of the thirsty cattle; of the noble barns groaning with the abundance of the harvest—one conveniently provided with three floors, each on a level with the ground on the side towards which it opens.

Pray do not forget to insert how one of the cows having brought forth a free martin that morning, a majority of the Club declared that the little one would surely be barren; that the twin brother would in due time "increase and multiply"; how the medical men present denied any necessity in the case (Youatt, by-the-by, sides with the doctors); how it was resolved to try the experiment; how at the sight of friend Sheridan's fine Durhams your "Aldernic" preferences were almost shaken; how well you handled your flail on the barn floor, and how much better the Governor handled his,

bringing it down flat-footed, as the politicians say. How, he being on one side, and a majority of the Club on the other, you mounted the fence—what better position for a neutral editor?—how, finally, after much swaying, you went over on to Bigler's side! Eh, Major? How your Whig friends will watch your *leaders* during the next campaign to see if they too are on Bigler's side; and if they are, look out! In getting you back on to the fence they may ride you on the top rail!

What a pity the consideration of the subject of *the horse* did not assume less the character of a conversation and more that of a debate; then the interesting remarks of General Patterson, Dr. M'Crea, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Blight, Dr. Elwyn, Mr. Landreth, yourself and others, might have been reported and given to the public through your columns, as they ought to have been.

Nor did the rapid manner in which the fish, flesh and fowl provided by the hospitable host were discussed, admit of a very satisfactory report to those who were absent. Might you not suggest an improvement of the future entertainments, viz.: that wine be dispensed with, and "Heaven's last best gift" be introduced? Woman, our companion and comforter in all our sorrows, should be made to share our festivities. Her presence will dignify, grace and refine them. There's a toast which needs no alcohol to make it cordial.

Verily, Union Place was the place of a very delightful reunion on the day aforesaid, and the Farmers' Club is a powerful and efficient agricultural implement.

And now, my dear Major, if the pleasure of being an editor oneself, of writing for one's own subscribers and patrons be equal to that of most respectfully suggesting to him what *to* write—how I envy you!

Yours fraternally, ***

REMARKS BY THE EDITOR.—The above, though apparently intended as a private letter, is too good to withhold from the public, and we therefore take the liberty of introducing it to their notice, in lieu of anything we may have prepared of the same agreeable occasion—altogether one of the *most* agreeable that the Philadelphia Farmers' Club has yet enjoyed at their regular stated reunions. The presence of the Executive of the Commonwealth, and other distinguished guests, added materially to the interest and instruc-

ter of the meeting. We admit, rather reluctantly, that vernor *did* beat us in flinging the flail, being employed all son in threshing his enemies, however much "acknowledg- corn" may "go agin the grain"; but we made up for this ıcy in being a less producer, by being a greater *consumer* of ducts of the farm, which is an equally important considera- the profitable pursuit of agriculture.

ıANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1854

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

By the Editor

stated monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club met on the f John S. Haines, Twenty-second Ward, on the twelfth --all the members present except two. The meeting was interesting one, as it needs must be upon a farm so ıtically and skilfully managed as this always has been.
e is nothing done here for mere show and to gratify the eye; rything has a substantial purpose, and this was particularly by the different members. The barns, outhouses, workshop, ents, and machinery, together with the many necessary nances, of which plantations are so frequently deficient, provided with an eye to solidity, convenience, use, and a t purpose. The *housing of manure*, is strictly pursued, and e mass thus protected against the exhausting effects of sun n, the contents of the urine reservoir are regularly conveyed. st and *artificial guano* were found in considerable quantities, eir value, with other manures, estimated by several members t least *one thousand dollars*' That is a fact for farmers to plate, who spare the manure and—reap the consequences. s place, the fact long established, but not always admitted gnized by its adoption, that the manure heap is the farmer's ine, is in full force and operation.
found an old ice house on the premises, which had been built f a century, of the usual stone and mortar wall, twelve feet neter and twelve feet deep, covered by a sharp weather- d roof, to be in the best state of preservation, and though end of the warm season, to contain an abundance of ice, and e informed that it at all times preserved it equal to the best lern constructions. A milk house adjoining it was from its

influence kept at so low a temperature as to meet all the requirements of the farmhouse.

The mansion house and main premises, are supplied constantly with the purest spring water from a distance of about two thousand feet, by a force pump kept in operation by a seven-foot wheel, which is driven by water from an adjacent stream. The daily supply is about three thousand gallons, but nearly twice that amount could be obtained if required. This valuable acquisition, including two tons of lead pipe, building, machinery, and entire construction, cost the comparatively trifling sum of $600. How many of our farmers, who can so well afford it, endure from year to year the greatest inconvenience for want of a ready and an ample supply of good water for house and barn, and expend in labor, injury to stock, and loss of manure, an amount of money that would pay the interest of twice that sum? We would advise all such, as well as gentlemen residing in the country either for the whole or a part of the year, to examine this admirable contrivance. In our judgment, it is much superior to the ram.

Another feature in the economy of this farm is particularly worthy of remark—that is, the nursery of evergreen and other trees, which is methodically pursued for home purposes. You will find here the several varieties of the fir, the arbor vitæ, the hemlock, spruce, etc., etc., with other shade and ornamental trees, growing in perfection; while the beautiful lawn in front of the mansion is shaded with the choicest trees and shrubbery of foreign and domestic production.

The conversations of the Club embraced various topics of interest, in the usual discursive vein in which they are conducted.

Mr. Haines manufactured a guano which he considered to answer an excellent purpose, and which he preferred—we understood him to say—to the unmixed article. He prepared a mixture of guano, poultry droppings, locomotive cinders, and plaster, moistened occasionally with the liquid voidings of the stock. He thought it possessed a more permanent character than pure guano, while it could be applied more directly to the crops without danger of injury.

No one disputed the value and effects of guano, but several expressed doubts of the propriety of using it at the late advanced prices. The reduction of five dollars per ton, which had taken place within a few weeks, removed these doubts, and commended the subject afresh to the consideration of farmers.

On the subject of the potato and corn crop, there was a diversity of opinion as to the yield. Several members contended that in this and the adjoining counties, there would be scarcely more than half or two-thirds of a crop of each; while others—among them ourself—did not believe the corn crop in eastern Pennsylvania would fall off more than twenty-five per cent.; while the potato crop, especially in the near counties, they regarded as equal to last year, and of far better quality. Several instances of a yield of two hundred bushels per acre of the early planted were adduced; and one member mentioned that he was informed by Dr. Worthington, the able Resident Physician and Superintendent of Friends' Asylum, in Oxford township, that he obtained one hundred and seventy-odd bushels of excellent quality, from less than an acre. The rot was not known to have made its appearance as an epidemic, and the hope was entertained that the yield would not be diminished the present season by that dreaded disease.

Dr. M'Crea inquired as to a remedy for abortion in cows, having suffered to some extent with that complaint in his stock, as had also some of his neighbors.

Mr. Haines said that he also had been annoyed and baffled in the same way; but having accidentally seen a remedy recommended by an intelligent English farmer in an agricultural paper issued upon the subject, he adopted it, and with complete success. He would not have been satisfied with a single trial; but a second experiment, followed by a like result, convinced him that it *was* a remedy.

It was simply that, after the cow had been served, to bleed her in the neck freely, say to the extent of about seven quarts, and then subject her loins to a cold bath, of a couple of buckets of water.

Dr. M'Crea replied that he had heard of resorts to this remedy, but that it was only occasionally successful. He would, however, at once put it to the test, but would partially reverse its application by *commencing* with depletion. He added that this was an important question to farmers, and especially to dairymen, who suffered sometimes severely in this respect, and that it would afford him much gratification to find a remedy in the prescription offered.

The Club adjourned to meet on Tuesday, the 3d of October, at Prospect Hill, the farm of Charles W. Harrison, Andalusia, Bucks county.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1854

By the Editor

The October meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Prospect Hill, the farm of Mr. Charles W. Harrison. The meeting was well attended, and from the many topics of conversation introduced, bearing upon the important branch of industry in which the members are more or less engaged, we had the gratifying evidence that the interest shown at the first meetings of the Club, more than four years ago, had in nowise diminished.

Horse-Power.—The opinion generally expressed was favorable to the "Improved Pennsylvania Railway Power," as combining speed, power and durability. One member remarked that he had seen a one-horse machine of that construction moved with great ease and speed by a boy weighing only 54 pounds. Dr. M'Crea was favorable to the "Sweep" power, but admitted the greater adaptation of the former to most farmers' wants. Mr. Landreth had two of the "Improved Railway Powers" at the late State Fair which elicited commendation.

Corn-Shellers.—The season for the use of this implement being at hand, it naturally presented an item of conversation. As most Pennsylvania farmers raise corn in comparatively limited quantity. shellers of great capacity are not demanded, and perhaps the double hand shellers of the best construction, are all that is required. In the great corn-growing districts, the most powerful machines are indispensable, and the members of our Club who had seen "Reading's" with one accord pronounced it worthy of high praise. We stated that we believed it to be, from our own close observation, when in operation by steam power, capable of shelling from 12 to 15 hundred bushels a day. Recently a fan and screen have been added, which instead of materially increasing the power necessary to propel it, prepares the grain in perfect order for mill or market; and yet such is the glorious uncertainty of *awards* by some of our fair committees that an unknown machine bore off all the first prizes at the late exhibition. Such things need sifting, and the Club thought it a part of its duty to investigate and correct decisions of this kind.

Grain and Seed Drills.—The comparative advantages of the broadcast and drilling systems were freely discussed, and from

differences of opinion it would seem a subject by no means fully determined. Dr. M'Crea had been prejudiced against the drill, from an impression that the grass seed did not do so well as when put in with grain broadcast; but confessed his objections had been overcome by further experience and observation. He thought, however, the saving of seed was a delusion, and he would recommend at least two bushels of wheat per acre, the quantity usually sown broadcast. Mr. Harrison had used the drill in his practice, sowed 1½ bushels per acre, and was pleased with the results; other gentlemen concurred with him. A member called attention to "Stacy's Drill," which, when drawing comparisons unfavorable to others, he thought worthy of especial notice.

Mr. Harrison presented to the notice of the Club specimens of western apples, greatly admired for their beauty of tint and clearness of skin, not an imperfection appearing. How much to be lamented that this our national fruit should have so deteriorated in this region, if, as has been frequently asserted, it be owing to the inroads of insects. It is to be hoped the recent legislative enactment against the killing of insectivorous birds will be rigidly enforced. A member called attention to a fact not generally known that our old and familiar variety of apples exhibited quite different aspects on the rich alluvial soils of the west, and in some cases the durability of the fruit is extended. He had eaten the Bellefleur, an early winter fruit in Pennsylvania, in fine condition, late in March, on the banks of the Ohio.

The incidents and results of the late fair formed interesting topics of conversation, and though disappointment was expressed at the small sum collected—especially in view of the important object the Society is desirous to accomplish (a model farm and farmers' high school), yet there was great cause for gratulation. General Patterson, the President of the State Horticultural Society, and to whose warm advocacy of the measure, the union of that department with the Agricultural Show, we are in no slight degree indebted, expressed his pleasure at the results, and trusted none of the unavoidable disagreements incident to large masses would be for a moment dwelt on.

The next meeting of the Club will take place at "Devon," the farm of Mr. George Blight.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1854

The stated meeting of the Farmers' Club took place at "Devon," the farm of Mr. George Blight, on Tuesday, the 31st ult. The day being wet, there was but little outdoor proceedings indulged in. The out-buildings and grounds of Devon showed the same evidence of care and good taste that have always marked their condition and appearance. The forest of evergreens surrounding the mansion, which attracts the eye of every traveller, and comprising almost every variety, is in the most flourishing state; while the individual trees, for beauty of symmetry, are perhaps nowhere excelled within the limits of the consolidated city.

The indoor proceedings of the Club were of a very interesting character. We append a brief abstract of what took place:

Turnips.—Their culture and preservation elicited considerable conversation. For dairy stock, as well as for horned cattle generally, the rutabaga was decidedly preferred. A good, dry, dark cellar or cave, under the bridgeway into the barn, was considered the best storage for the rutabaga, and out-door pitting for the English turnip.

Mr. Blight, whose success in preserving the latter turnip is well known, adopts the following mode: He selects a dry part of his field, excavates the ground to the depth of about six inches, three feet wide, and as long as may be needed. In this the turnips are placed, as high as the width of the shallow trench will admit, the pile being about two feet in the middle. Over the mass a good layer of corn stalks, straw or haulm, is placed, when the earth is carefully and compactly heaped up to a sharp pitch, and well spanked. At the distance of every fifteen or twenty feet a vent-hole is left, the size of a common stove-pipe, in which a roll of straw is firmly twisted. This has the effect of exhausting the pits of the heated, impure atmosphere by which they naturally become filled, producing decomposition. By this simple, easy mode of pitting, Mr. B. has usually preserved his English turnips throughout the winter in good condition, and sold them at remunerative prices.

Mr. Harrison mentioned that there was an extensive dairyman near Bristol, on the Delaware, who raised this turnip for his dairy stock, and who preserved them well by pitting the stalks with the roots. The stalks remained in a perfectly green state, and when taken out as required, were much relished by the cattle.

Corn-shelling was again discussed, and the high merits of eading's power sheller were fully conceded. Mr. James Thornton, :., of Byberry, who purchased one last year, was fully conversant ith its capacity. It was stated that he shelled the present season, *king the corn directly from the field* without cribbing, one hundred ıshels in fifty-five minutes, and is confident that the machine is ıual to one hundred and fifty bushels per hour. This agrees with ır own observation of the power of this sheller, when tried by eam at the Crystal Palace for the information of the jury. We ːt its capacity down at from twelve to fifteen hundred bushels per ay. It shelled perfectly all the ears that two men with large iron ıovels could feed it with from the floor, and it required one man ɔnstantly to clear away the shelled corn and the cobs.

Dr. M'Crea stated that, for want of a machine of this kind, in ɜtting his corn shelled and to market when he desired to do so, year or two ago, he lost some twenty cents per bushel.

Mr. Sheridan, while fully admitting the value of the machine, ıought the best hand-shellers in use suited the farmers in this ːction, whose crops of corn were generally small, better than this. armers, who consumed most of their corn themselves, or who sold in lots of from five to twenty bushels, needed but a small quantity ıelled at a time, which could be done in the evenings or during et days, when other work could not be attended to. Others greed with Mr. S., under the same circumstances.

Mr. Pearson, in reply to a question we put to him, relative to ıe operation of his mowing machine (Ketchum's) the past season, ıid that it performed to perfection; that during the past season bout one hundred and twenty-five acres had been cut with it, and ıat the only repairing that it required was sharpening the knife nce, occupying about two hours; that, instead of this mower being heavy drag to the horses, as some had over and over reported, is horses had operated it with comparatively less labor than many ther farm implements which they drew, and that he was, in all ːspects, not only satisfied, but gratified with its operations after ʍo seasons' trial. This agrees with what we have repeatedly een informed by others who have used the same machine, and ·ith what a farmer of Burlington County informed us last June, ·ho was cutting a crop of grass at the time, which he estimated to ield *three and a half tons per acre.* He said he could mow ten acres f that grass a day, with the pair of horses then hitched to the

machine, and cut the grass better than with a scythe. Other members of the Club also expressed themselves favorably to this machine, especially to the improved one.

Housing Manure.—This subject was freely discussed, and there was but one conclusion arrived at, which was that the proper sheltering of manure from the exhausting or emasculating effects of exposure to sun, winds, and rains, was all important. Mr. Haines estimated the increased value of manure, properly housed and preserved, at not less than fifty per cent. He applied to his manure heap, thus protected, the liquid voidings of his stock, and then scattered over the mass—we understood him to say—pulverized gypsum and charcoal. Dr. M'Crea and Mr. C. W. Sharples bore testimony to the importance of preserving manure. The fertilizing powers of such manure were observable for twice the period of the inenergetic dung taken from the exposed barnyard, where all its most valuable properties were allowed to evaporate. This is a subject of deep interest to the farmer, with whom enriching materials for the soil are becoming scarce and dear.

After a very pleasant meeting, the Club adjourned to meet in December, at the mansion of Gen. Robert Patterson.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, December 20, 1854

By the Editor

The December meeting of the Farmers' Club took place on the 5th inst., at the city residence of Gen. Robert Patterson. There was a full attendance of members, and the Club was honored by the presence of Major-General Scott, of the Army; Hon. N. P. Trist, the negotiator of the Mexican Treaty of Peace; Ex-Governor Coles, of Virginia; Chief Justice Lewis, of the Supreme Court; Mr. Justice Knox, of the same Court; Hon. Henry D. Gilpin, Thomas Dunlap, Esq., Dr. Barton, Prof. Mutter, and other distinguished gentlemen. The occasion was one of great interest, both in a social and agricultural view, and the session was unusually prolonged.

The company being large, we necessarily lost much that was said of interest to the public; and having taken no notes, we have to depend upon memory for what we are enabled to report.

There was considerable said upon the subject of southern farming, and especially in Mexico, where agriculture is still in its elementary state. Progress, it is true, was making headway there,

from the influence of Yankee illustrations while our army was in Mexico, and the importation of improved implements from the United States since that time, assisted by a few of our people who have found their way into the country.

Mr. Trist mentioned that, notwithstanding the mixed race now comprising the population of Mexico, and that principally from intermarrying with the Indian and African, with scarcely an instance of marked Castilian blood, the jealousies and exclusiveness so characteristic of the mother country prevailed there in primitive force. This was instanced where an American had purchased several hundred acres of agricultural land, not far from Vera Cruz, with a view of cultivating it to the best purpose, and particularly of supplying the city of Vera Cruz with vegetables, fruits, etc. He brought with him his own implements, of course, of the most approved kind, which at first elicited the wonder of his Mexican neighbors, with whom he made every effort to live upon the most friendly terms. This was two or three years before the war. But their wonder soon changed to jealousy and hostility upon seeing the surprising effects of the plow, hoe-harrow, and other implements, and this reached, in a short time, such a pitch, that he was threatened with violence, and actually compelled by force to abandon his lands, and retire to Vera Cruz for protection. Several intelligent Mexicans who purchased plows from him, were also forced to throw them aside and resume the old Mexican substitute, which was a long bearer, with one handle, and having a wooden, and sometimes an iron, prong, which entered the ground, rooting it to the extent of one hoe of our harrows. To the end of the long beam, was attached a single ox, with its driver. Their hostility to the American plow was because of the *innovation*, and particularly because it enabled others to have advantage of them in cultivation.

Gen. Patterson described the manner in which the prairies of cane or canebrakes were made to contribute to the fertility of the soil in Mexico, which was by cutting them down broadcast, and when sufficiently dried, burning them. The ashes which remained, are then plowed under, and the joint action of the ashes, the fire, and the plow, brings the soil into fine condition for future crops.

Gen. Scott remarked that in some localities, the green cane, by the action of a powerful fire to get the conflagration under way, was consumed, without labor and expense of cutting, and was then

followed up by the plow with the same good results. He mentioned that he had witnessed the burning of a green canebrake—the cane generally standing so compactly (and reaching from ten to twenty feet in height), that nothing but a snake could pass through them, and that there was a peculiarity always attending these burnings of a very curious nature. It is, that as the canes become heated, the gas between the joints expands, and explodes in rapid succession, resembling firearms of various calibres, from the pocket-pistol up to a four-pounder.

Mr. A. S. Roberts approved the northern practice of dispensing with the fire, and of turning under the green crop with the plow. He contended that firing was an expensive means of cultivation; for, while it doubtless contributed to the mellowing of the soil, it must certainly destroy the carbonaceous matter, converting it into carbonic acid gas, which is dissipated in the air, instead of being mixed with the earth. The salts which remain in the ashes would be as well intermixed without as with the aid of fire. Mr. R. referred, for an illustration of the impoverishing effects of fire, to the well-known fact that the fires which devastate our mountain woods make the earth more sterile after every repetition, until the vegetation becomes quite sparse and dwindling.

Gen. Patterson called our attention to an important feature in physical geography, which had arrested his attention in passing through Tennessee, Kentucky, and other States. It was that the northern slopes of mountain ranges were more fertile and had a deeper soil than the southern slopes. One or two other members were able to call to mind similar formations. It may be only local; but if general, the fact would involve important considerations. Gov. Coles spoke of the superior Newtown Pippin apple, of Albermarle county, Virginia, and said they surpassed any that he had seen in any other quarter. The trees were transplanted originally from Long Island by his father. He also spoke of the increased attention which was beginning to be paid to the cultivation of fruit in all the southern States, and thought that the efforts of the United States Pomological Society, now so well directed to the propagation of the best fruits of all kinds, would be attended with important results to the country. He considered the northern sides of hills as the best exposure for apple and other seed-bearing fruit; while for peaches and stone fruit generally southern exposures were preferable.

The construction of reaping and mowing machines, and other patented intruments for the use of farmers, elicited a good deal of conversation. Most of them were condemned for the indifferent manner of their construction, and much of the disappointment of farmers in the use of these implements resulted from breakage or the heavy draught required to operate them. The President of the Club, Mr. Harrison, suggested several improvements in the principles of the mowers and reapers, and we understood his views to be concurred in by several other members.

It cannot be denied that in many implements for the farm and utensils for the dairy, etc., which have been patented, their efficiency, or rather character, is destroyed, simply from the slight, cheap mode of construction. This is particularly chargeable upon those made at the East, and in New York. The shrewdness of these people sometimes overreaches itself; for whatever may be the first success of disposing of their articles on account of their apparent cheapness, it is followed with other results as soon as their worthlessness is discovered.

We have seen reaping machines that broke down on their first trial, at the commencement of harvest, when the owner was in high hopes of having his grain all cut in one or two days; and we have also seen mowing machines fail in the same way, and continue to be breaking throughout the season, greatly to the chagrin and disappointment of those who had expended their money and built their hopes upon them. *Cheapness* is the ruling evil of the day, with all "economical" people, and more money is absolutely lost by this infatuation than would be for duplicates of the best of everything that comes within the category.

Farmers should always be willing to pay a good, reasonable price for everything connected with their ennobling pursuit. On the same principle that they will sow and plant only the best seed, they should obtain the best stock, the best implements and utensils of every kind, and their success will be insured in the same ratio.

The Club adjourned to hold the January meeting at the residence of Mr. Algernon S. Roberts.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1855

On the 24th ult., the stated monthly session of the Farmers' Club was held at the city residence of our fellow-member, Algernon S. Roberts, Esq., Logan Square. The unabated interest felt in the

objects of the Club, mutual instructions in the pursuits of rural life was evinced by the attendance of every member, together with several invited guests, prominent citizens noted for their attachment to agriculture. The discussions were on numerous subjects connected with the interests and pleasures of the country. We believe the effect of former interchanges of opinion may be witnessed at least among the members, and it may be hoped that whatever is worthy of imitation may be practiced by others. At this moment, the policy of admitting foreign wool, free of duty, is exciting the attention of producers, and arguments are advanced to show that the interest of the grower of American wool would be promoted by that measure. It has been pretty clearly shown that to use the American as at present produced, a portion of the finer felting wools of Europe are essential, and a brisker manufacture and consequent larger consumption of the native product would be the result of such a measure, without reducing its price. Indeed, there may be good reasons to look for enhanced rates, besides the direct advantage to the agricultural interest of fostering domestic manufacturers, thus at the same time enlarging the demand for the farmers' products and protecting the interest of our own countrymen.

Already prominent wool growers have espoused the policy, and it is likely to be thoroughly discussed. Those who wish to pursue the argument are referred to a pamphlet by Mr. Stone, of the New York *Commercial Advertiser*. Copies may be had, we believe, of Mr. David S. Brown, of South Front Street.

The relative value of different breeds of cattle, though a thousand times debated, must ever remain of great importance, and new facts, as they occur, tending to establish the merit of each particular breed, will be related to prove the justness of individual opinions. Gentlemen whose sound commonsense and practical experience qualify them to do justice to all, are they on whom the watchful farmer should rely rather than on those whose interest, ignorance, or arrogance induce them to assume the position of oracles. Thus we have seen *shorthorns*—undoubtedly cattle of great merit—extolled to the discredit of all others; and Alderneys especially stigmatized as utterly unworthy of thought!

The practical farmer will endeavor to form his conclusions from his own experience, and those on whom he can depend, admit that which is good in all, and select the breed best adapted to his especial purpose. Thus he would probably choose Devons for the

yoke; a cross of the Devon and Alderney for the dairy; Durhams for the shambles, if he rejoiced in rich pastures or had a good bank account; otherwise he would most probably select the Devon for both yoke and shamble. The pure Alderney or Jersey (for they are nearly one and the same) all admit is not a deep milker, but its richness makes up for the deficiency in quantity, except to the professional milkman, with whom *quantity* is the one thing needful.

Some interesting facts connected with Alderneys were stated to the Club, and which it has been deemed worthy of recital in this report. John S. Haines, Esq., of Germantown, read the following extract of a letter from Thomas Motley, Jr., dated Jamaica Plains, twelfth month, 11th, 1854:

"My imported Jersey cow 'Flora' made 511¾ pounds of butter from May 10th, 1853, to April 26th, 1854. For three consecutive weeks in June, she made fourteen pounds of butter per week, which is her greatest quantity. She never gave more than fourteen quarts of strained milk per day; we have for several weeks together made a pound of butter from five quarts of milk, and even a little less milk has made a pound of butter. She holds out up to the time of calving.

"I find that in a herd of cows one Durham, one Ayrshire, two half-blood Jersey cows, and one heifer, an average of seven and one-half quarts of milk made a pound of butter in the month of November, 1854. Feed—hay, and one peck of carrots per day. One Jersey cow made six pounds of butter in a week in the month of March, nine months after calving, and she gave milk to within thirty days of calving, and never less than three quarts. I find the Jersey cattle quite as hardy as any breed of cows I have had under my charge."

Mr. Aaron Clement (a guest), was requested to state his experience, which in this quarter of the Union at least is, perhaps, second to no one else. His statements, as nearly as can be recollected, are as follows:

The shorthorns are the most profitable for the farmer, for beef and milk combined *when on rich pasture lands*, as they arrive at maturity and a very great weight at an early age. The Devons, it is generally conceded, make the very best working oxen known, being hardy, active, and tractable in the yoke. When fatted their beef is considered superior to most others in quality. The cows are generally good milkers. This breed will thrive in a southern climate and on lighter pasture than most others. But for richness of their

milk and cream, and the superior quality of their butter, the Alderney or Jersey cows, are unrivaled. In some instances also, cows of this breed have yielded a large quantity of both butter and milk.

Mr. Clement stated that he had sold an imported Jersey cow to a gentleman of Baltimore, that had yielded *36 quarts of milk per day* for some weeks.

An interesting conversation was held on the propriety of City Councils leasing to the Horticulture Society the Lemon Hill Estate for the purpose of a park and Horticultural and Botanical Grounds (the members of the Club are, it is believed, all taxpayers within the City limits, and of course had a direct interest in the subject).

Mr. Roberts expressed his intention to bring the matter before the Councils, which he has since done, and the subject was referred to the appropriate committee. General Patterson, president of the Horticultural Society, zealously advocated the project; and Mr. Landreth and Dr. Elwyn, members of the Horticultural Society Committee, each expressed his conviction that the measure might be made highly popular and contribute, in an eminent degree, to elevate and refine public taste.

It is hoped, should Councils place the grounds in charge of that Society, funds may be promptly provided by private subscriptions to carry out the design.

Among the fruits exhibited to the Club were some remarkably fine specimens of Lady apple, once a common variety in the Philadelphia market, now seldom seen. The question is ever asked: Can nothing be done to resuscitate the apple in this region? Yes, much may be done—not to the worm-eaten trees, whose vigor has departed, but to the young and future trees. Protect the birds and they will protect the trees. Enforce the law against cockney sportsmen and thoughtless boys, and we shall have again the most valuable of all fruits, abundantly, cheaply, as in former days.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1855

TRANSACTIONS OF THE PHILADELPHIA FARMERS' CLUB

By the Editor

The stated monthly meeting of the Association was held on the 20th ultimo, at the house of Dr. A. L. Elwyn, Walnut Street. (Dr. E.'s farm is in Chester County, and he convened the Club at his city residence, as more convenient at this season.) The attend-

ance was general, one member alone absent, which is evidence of the continued interest felt in the professional and social objects of the association. The Club was honored by the company of several distinguished farmers—Mr. Stavely, of Bucks county; Mr. Keller, of Schuylkill county; Mr. McIlvaine, of Chester county; Mr. Holcombe, of the State of Delaware; Dr. Stewart, of Virginia; by Mr. McMichael, of Philadelphia, who, though not toiling with the plow, has done good service in "speeding" it with his able and willing pen; and by Mr. David S. Brown, a mammoth consumer of farmers' fleeces.

All that can be attempted in the columns of the *Telegraph* is an abstract of discussions on a portion of the many rural topics which were directly or incidentally broached in a social way on that occasion.

Mr. Keller exhibited potatoes, known in his county as the "Red Mercer," which he stated to be equal to the white variety and much more productive; they were of fair size, oblong in form, of reddish hue, with a thin skin. No member recognized the variety, unless samples from the head waters of the Delaware, under another name, were identical with them.

Mr. Keller also exhibited an insect in its perfect state, and also in the larvæ, which had done much mischief to the apple trees in Schuylkill county. It is described by Harris, under the name of *Saperda Bivittata*, and is doubtless the same insect which has for years ravaged the orchards of New England and the Middle States. Quite an interesting conversation was held on the subject, and it is to be hoped some of the suggestions there made as to "defense against invasion" may lead to practical results.

Several fleeces of the Angora goat, bred by Mr. Richard Peters, of Atlanta, Ga., and sent to Dr. Elwyn by Peter A. Browne, Esq., for distribution, were much admired. What may be the actual value of this animal in our country is perhaps to be determined. Should it prove hardy in the vicissitudes of the climate, as well as productive, there can be but little doubt its fleece, though coarse, may be used for many purposes: indeed, the Club had evidence of its value, in a warm pair of gloves made from a portion of these fleeces by Mrs. Keller.

Much conversation occurred on the all-important subject of Drainage, and the comparative value of the French mode of rubble and of tile. The durability of French drains was instanced by

Dr. Elwyn, who stated that some made by a former proprietor on his farm, thirty years ago, were still in good order. Mr. Stavely had ditched several acres of bog meadow and filled the ditches with small stones promiscuously cast, to within a foot of the surface; on the top of them earth was placed, thus closing the ditch. The plan or arrangement was to dig a main ditch or trunk of sufficient dimensions to carry off all the water likely to flow into it, then smaller lateral ones leading to the main channel. Land which previous to this period was worthless, by the simple method here described, had been made of high value—any acre of which now yields double the amount of hay of the adjacent upland. For the work referred to, the Bucks County Agricultural Society, appreciating the commendable example of Mr. Stavely, awarded him a premium, which was the more honorable on both sides, as Mr. Stavely is of the tribe known as book farmers, while the men of Bucks county are proverbial for sound, practical system.

Dr. Stewart mentioned an extremely efficient form of drain used by him on his estate in Virginia, of which the chief material is the branches of pine trees, placed longitudinally in openings dug to receive them. There can be no doubt that in well-wooded districts, where stone does not abound, this is the cheapest and most efficient method of drainage, as experience has demonstrated that the branches, secured from atmospheric influences, endure for many years, and if by lapse of time, or other causes, they cease to act, the material is at hand to create new ones, at less cost than those of stone can be repaired. Tile, when furnished at less cost than at present, as it is to be expected improved machinery will admit of, assuredly will come into general use; they are easily placed in position, and when below the influence of frost are almost indestructible, and thoroughly efficient. Such was the opinion expressed by members of the Club.

The subject of Lime was incidentally touched on. Mr. Stavely said he preferred applying it late in the fall, on wheat and stubble, at the rate of forty to fifty bushels the acre. Mr. S.'s practice is worthy of notice, as it has the merit of success; upward of 20,000 bushels have been consumed by him, and barren fields made to yield abundant harvests.

The Canadian Reciprocity Treaty was fully discussed by several gentlemen. A recent pamphlet on the subject, attributed to Mr. Holcombe, is exciting attention, and merits the careful

perusal of all who may have been misled by the plausible pretexts which heralded that contract with Great Britain. We have no room to recite the arguments, *pro* and *con*, which pertain to the subject, but recommend all who may wish to inquire into its merits to read the pamphlet of a "Middle State Farmer," published by Peterson, Chestnut Street, and noticed in the *Telegraph* a few days ago. Some curious facts are therein made known as to the changes of opinions in Senators. The author, whoever he may be, has reviewed the Treaty with no little abilty, and assumes the bold position that inasmuch as the mercantile and manufacturing interests have conspired to override and overrule the chief interest of the country, it becomes agriculturists to rise in their majesty and vindicate themselves by abolishing the present duties on foreign merchandise, even to the extent of free trade if necessary, depending on direct taxation to meet the wants of the Government! Heretofore the manufacturers of New England and elsewhere have said to the farmers: Let us clothe you and you shall feed us; support *our* interest and we will sustain *yours*. Agriculture and domestic manufactures should go hand in hand, each ministering to the other. The scene was changed! and we have witnessed the fact of every Senator from New England voting to ratify a Treaty which introduced a foreign rival to the American farmer. The mercantile interest has, in the opinion of the pamphlet's author, coalesced with the manufacturer, and is alike censurable. The author's remedy is "free carriage" as well as free trade, the total abolition of the coasting monopoly, by which the products of the land pay duty to the ship owner in the form of higher freights than if competition were free to all, foreign as well as native.

After a session of six hours, in which many agreeable things were "discussed" other than here reported, the Club adjourned to the next stated monthly meeting.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1855

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

The Farmers' Club held a regular monthly meeting at Prospect Hill, the residence of Mr. Charles W. Harrison, on the 25th ult. Although the attendance, in consequence of the necessary absence of several members, was not large, yet the interest manifested by those present in the objects of the organization was in no wise abated.

The topics of discussion were numerous, and they were treated in that free, frank way which characterizes all the conversations of the Club.

The subject of potato planting underwent review. Some contended that a change of seed once in four or five years was necessary; others had known the same seed to be planted for thirty years which was as productive now as at the beginning. It was remarked that the fine Bermuda potato was the product of the round yellow potato of the New England States, where all the seed was procured. One member remarked that he had received from a gentleman in Sullivan county a single potato last fall one year, and although it was greatly damaged by exposure to a warm room through the winter, he obtained sixteen large potatoes from the portion planted. He was informed that it was excellent in the spring, when other potatoes were injured from keeping, and that he had found it far better than he had expected. In April and May it was smooth and solid, and incomparably superior to any potato he had ever eaten at that season of the year. It is also an abundant producer, yielding, he estimated, fully twice as many per acre as the Mercer. He had now some planted which he designed to distribute among the members of the Club for seed, as he thought that it was a really valuable variety for general propagation. He called it the *Eaglesmere*, after the name of the place of the gentleman whence it came.

One of the members was about trying the experiment of planting potatoes in the hill, after the fashion of the New England States and Northern Pennsylvania and New York. The general idea was that the yield was about the same, while the row mode of planting was attended with much less labor. A member said that a farmer from New York, who had located in his neighborhood, informed him that he had long cultivated in both ways, and could discover no difference in the yield. He thought that in the hill system there was a better chance of cleanly cultivation, as the crop could be cultivated both ways.

There was an unanimity of sentiment expressed as to the necessity of manufacturing and housing or covering manure. Few farmers made near as much manure as it was in their power to do. The weeds and trash of the fence corners, potato vines, sod, mould from the woods, leaves, muck from the bottom of ponds and ditches, cornstalks, and many other materials allowed to be

scattered about the farm and go to waste, should be composted, and would afford many loads of excellent manure in the course of a year. Keeping the manure under cover and applying gypsum, and the liquid voidings of the cattle, would add fully 25 per cent to its value. The farmer bought too much manure and made too little.

The question of borrowing money to improve the farm underwent some discussion, and it seemed to be the opinion of the majority that money, when judiciously applied, could be as profitably employed in agriculture as in any other line of business. Soil that would not admit of being enriched at six per cent per annum upon the expense of enriching material was unfit for cultivation under any circumstances. One of the members stated that when he commenced farming some fifteen years ago he borrowed money to stock his place and purchase manure, and he not only found it profitable, but without it he would not have succeeded in his undertaking. A practical, judicious farmer could not fail to use money in this way greatly to his advantage, and in doing so he would be encountering less risk than in nine-tenths of the mercantile, manufacturing, and mechanical branches of business.

A guest stated that he had lately purchased a farm for which he had paid the advanced price of land, and though not a farmer, but a merchant in the city, he had realized the first year, from a careful account kept of the operations of the farm, fully six per cent upon the capital invested, besides obtaining many incidental benefits from it.

The growing crops were regarded on all hands as highly promising. In some few places the grass had been winter-killed, and especially the clover; but on the whole everything looked well and encouraging. The wheat, oats and potatoes had never been excelled at this period. The corn, though a little backward, had come up well, being less injured than usual by insects, and had taken a rapid start. Several of those present had lately been in the interior of the State, and they all united in the statement of the happy prospects of the farmer in every direction. The breadth of the ground cultivated was never equalled.

Want of room prevents us from noticing many other topics and matters referred to at this very interesting meeting of the Club.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1855

The Farmers' Club held a meeting at the farm of Isaac Pearson, Esq., near Torresdale, on Tuesday of last week. There was a very full attendance of members, besides several distinguished guests. Dr. Elwyn, the devoted friend of agriculture, who, by example and precept, has done so much for the cause, presided with his accustomed ability and suavity. The exceedingly fine premises of Mr. Pearson, embracing some two hundred acres of as productive land as is to be found in the State, lying in the immediate vicinity of the noble Delaware, and of which there is a beautiful view for miles in both directions, always furnishes valuable objects of instruction and topics for consideration to the practical farmer.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1855

FARMERS' CLUB

The Farmers' Club held its regular monthly meeting at the mansion of Major-General Patterson, on Wednesday last. The meeting was quite fully attended, and a number of distinguished guests honored the Club with their presence. We left too early to be able to prepare a report of the proceedings, but hope that it will be made for us by some one of the members. We are gratified to be able to announce that Casper W. Sharples, Esq., of Delaware county, was unanimously elected a member of the Club to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. James M'Crea.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1856

FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

There was a very interesting meeting of the Club held on the 19th of the month, at the town residence of Dr. A. L. Elwyn. There was the usual attendance of the members, besides a number of invited guests, among whom were William Stavely, Esq., President of the Bucks County Agricultural Society; Gen. George M. Keim, Reading, President of the Berks County Agricultural Society; George Pepper Norris, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the New Castle County (Del.) Agricultural Society; Mr. Maliard, of Bordentown, N. J.; Judge Boudinot, of Burlington; Sidney George Fisher, Esq., Corresponding Secretary of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture; and Professor James C. Booth, Chemist

:o said Society. There was a general conversation—as all the proceedings of the Club are informal—upon agricultural topics of a very interesting nature, which protracted the session to a late hour.

Mr. Maliard exhibited some ears of corn, known as the Canadian corn, a species that he grows exclusively on his estate near Bordentown, which was formerly the residence of Joseph Bonaparte. In a discussion which followed, on the profit of cultivating this or the gourd-seed, it was satisfactorily proved that the Canadian was the more profitable. Mr. M. also showed an ear of the Wyandotte corn, a new variety from California. It was short, and the grain extremely white. The reports made of it by some persons in the western country bordered on the fabulous. The experiment will soon make known its real qualities, and probably reduce it to the inferior rank as a valuable grain that is indicated by its appearance.

Much interesting conversation took place on the breeding of horses and mules. Mr. Maliard, who breeds the thoroughbred horse perhaps more extensively than any other farmer in the North, much prefers the breeding of horses to that of mules.

Mr. Boudinot questioned the propriety of this decision on the score of mere profit; but Mr. M. had, by experience in both modes of breeding, satisfied himself that the profit in raising horses was as great or greater, and the trouble much less, than that with mules. The young mules he finds very vicious, leaping fences, plaguing all other stock near them, and quarreling among themselves.

This opinion of Mr. M. seems to differ from that of the large landed proprietors of the West, who raise mules in great numbers. The market of the North and that of the South, to a great extent, is supplied from that region, and it is therefore to be inferred that they find the raising of mules there more profitable than troublesome; though as their estates are larger than in this quarter, it is probable that their inclosures are less confined, and the animals made less restive and vicious than when they are brought into close contact.

Much conversation followed on the subject of Poultry. The Shanghais, which the other day, with all the fervor of a novelty, were regarded as the most perfect of the feathered tribe, received no favor. Their legs are found to be long, their breasts too meatless, and their flesh too tough. No merit was allowed them, except carrying more eatable material on their backs than any other fowl. This was not mentioned, however, as a quality so signal as to supersede their other inferior qualities.

Mr. Boudinot, who had given much attention to the breeding of poultry, does not like crossing, and spoke of the Polish as his favorite breed. The Jersey Blue, and Bolton Greys or Creels had their friends, but as all these are varieties produced from crossing, the argument against this mode of breeding loses its force. The Game, except as to their pugnacious propensities, were regarded as a valuable variety. They were good layers, their eggs were rich, and the flesh of the pullets was superior to that of any other breed.

The relative and comparative advantages of Root Crops and Indian Corn were discussed by several of the members. It was admitted that near the city the facilities of obtaining manure might give the preponderance to roots, and especially to milk and dairy purposes; but at remoter distances the palm must be yielded to the great American staple, with whose yellow grains and those of California so happy a parallel was drawn by Mr. Everett at the Boston banquet. Indian corn was believed to be a more profitable average crop than even cotton, and southern planters, sensible of its superiority, were said to be turning many of their cotton into corn fields.

It was well remarked by one of the members that the progressive improvement made by the English farmers in the yield, quality and weight of wheat was a lesson that should not be lost on our people; and the extent to which improvement may be carried in both production and quality in this country is becoming more and more important as the price of land enhances.

Grape culture was a subject of conversation, and not the less interesting on account of some very fine specimens of the pure juice at hand.

The profitableness of the vineyard in a general sense, was doubted by some of the members, and in support of this view, reference was made to wine-producing countries, where their crops often failed, and foreign aid was sought to alleviate their suffering. In this country, our varieties of production are so great, and intercommunication so easy, that such consequences need not be feared. While the use of wine is admitted, the cultivation of the grape should be encouraged.

The fact having been alluded to (and an important one for the vicinity of our city) that the natural grasses were more prevalent and continuous here than in the interior of the State, or westward of our mountain ranges, it was suggested that the cause might be sought in the saline basis of our primitive rocks, which at the same

time promote decomposition or disintegration, and furnish the proper nutriment of natural grasses. This question is worthy the inquiry and thought of our chemists.

Mr. Norris, of Delaware, on inquiry being made, spoke of the value of wind-power as applied to the purpose of raising water from wells. Upon his premises he had one in operation over two years, and it has answered admirably, requiring during that time not a dollar in the way of repairs. It is near his mansion, and pumps up water at all times sufficient for baths and domestic uses, and also for his barn, some distance off. It is, of course, necessary to have reservoirs to furnish a constant supply of water, as it may happen that for several days there may not be wind enough to operate the machinery, which, however, is simply and easily worked. It is no patent apparatus, but was put up by a good Chester county mechanic, at a cost of some seventy dollars. Farmers as well as the owners of country residences generally, where the water lies some depth beneath the surface of the earth, would doubtless find this simple apparatus a very cheap labor-saving contrivance.

There was an unanimous opinion expressed in favor of the bill now before the legislature, to restrain cattle, sheep and hogs from running at large in the public highways of the commonwealth. It was regarded on all hands as a most unjust privilege, partial in its operation, being seriously injurious to the interests of the farmer, who had not only to contend against the elements and insects in his laborious duties, but also against this additional and unnatural enemy—unnatural, because, unlike the others, legislation can protect him against it.

Adjourned.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, May 28, 1856

May Meeting of the Farmers' Club

The Farmers' Club met at the house of P. R. Freas, on the 20th inst. There was a very good attendance of members. A number of practical topics were introduced, to which we have room only for a slight reference.

Corn Planting.—The opinion was united that the proper time to plant corn was from the 5th to the 15th of May, though one or two members preferred from the 10th to the 20th. The weather was then seasonably settled, and corn frequently came up in five

days, and always more regularly and strongly than when planted the latter part of April and the first days of May. The corn-planting implements were not generally approved, principally on the ground that they required a man to operate them, and that they frequently missed dropping, which could not be discovered at the time, as the grain was covered by the earth when the machine was raised. But all agreed as to the advantage of having the grains scattered in the hills, and not, as is too frequently the case in hand-planting, especially when the seed has been soaked and plastered, of dropping the required number of grains in a heap. Steeping in dung-water overnight for late planting, or when the soil was rather dry, was recommended.

Mowing Machines.—The question was asked: Which, in the knowledge of the members, was the best mowing machine? There seemed to be but one opinion. The position which Ketchum's assumed upon its first introduction appeared to be fully maintained by the improvements which from time to time had been introduced. The advantages which it possessed over others that have hitherto come in competition with it was the *superiority of its manufacture.* In selling rights, it was stated that the proprietors of this patent particularly stipulated they should not be made inferior to a sample exhibited, and an agent was dispatched to the various manufactories to enforce this important condition. One of the principal causes of the failure of many of the other patents was the miserable, fragile manner in which they were constructed. Purchasers of the patent rights to manufacture them adopt the wretched policy of consulting their own immediate interests in building cheap machines so as to attract the custom of those farmers whose short-sighted policy always has been to buy where they can buy cheapest, without regard to the quality. This policy, both on the part of the maker and purchaser, has done more to decry mowing and reaping machines than all others combined. With Ketchum's, hundreds of acres have been cut in a season, in the best manner, without any delay or expense. Bradfields' mower, lately exhibited at the Exchange, was, so far as could be judged without a trial, well spoken of; so was the principle of another which has just been constructed at Holmesburg.

There were other topics of interest introduced, which we much regret our space will not now admit. We shall allude to them hereafter.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1856

FARMERS'CLUB MEETING

The Farmers' Club met at the residence of Mr. Chas. Kelly, a member of the Club, on the 3d inst. A majority of the members were present, also several invited guests sympathizing with the cause. Dr. Elwyn, the President, was in attendance.

The farm of Mr. Kelly is one of the best cultivated in Delaware county. It lies high, and its fine mansion is visible for miles around. To those unacquainted with the topography of Delaware county, it will not be out of place to say that in our judgment it surpasses all others in natural beauty in the commonwealth. Its hills and valleys are magnificent; running streams are abundant, and water is to be found on the summits of the highest elevations. The land, to a considerable extent, is a clay loam, so retentive of manurial virtues, and so well adapted to the production of grain and grass, as well as to grazing. The white clover as a natural grass, springs up in the utmost profusion, and grows to an unusual length. The railroad, which passes through the heart of the county, when it shall get into the proper hands, and completed to West Chester, must prove of immense advantage to the adjacent country, in bringing to the notice of Philadelphians a region of surpassing loveliness.

Though Mr. Kelly's principal business is that of a manufacturer of cotton cloths (his extensive factories were destroyed by fire a few months ago, but are now under roof again and will go into operation in a short time, are situated on the Darby Creek, within sight of the dwelling), yet his farm has not only not been neglected, but it will honorably compare with some of the most productive in the county. His crops, which were all inspected by the Club, promise a prolific yield. His stock, for purity of blood, beauty of symmetry, and excellence of quality, is perhaps unequalled in the county, and unsurpassed in the State. Our Agricultural Exhibitions for a number of years have been graced by some of his incomparable cattle; and at the exhibition of the Philadelphia Society, last autumn, he carried off several of the principal prizes. His bull, "*Liberator*," is a splendid animal, and from the prices which these cattle are selling at in England, is estimated to be worth £500, or about $2500. Three or four cows, a portion of his herd which our time allowed us to examine—having

arrived very late on the ground—were as nearly perfect as it is possible to select from this breed, so celebrated for its symmetrical proportions, and meeting, to so remarkable a degree, the demands of the most exacting stock-breeder.

The topics of conversation were as usual many, and they were disposed of in that free, frank, candid manner which has always marked the proceedings of these interesting monthly reunions.

In reference to this year's prices of grain, Mr. H. C. Carey assumed the ground that they would range *lower* than within the memory of man. We have not room to go over his terse, well-considered arguments; but he founded this opinion upon the fact that while the crops of Europe were of the most promising nature, the war had ceased, with the granaries of the Black Sea and the East generally thrown open—and our own prospects of a full crop offered the highest encouragement. But while the number of *consumers* in the United States had not increased for several years, in consequence of the paralyzation of the manufacturing interests through the measures of government, the number of *producers* had nearly doubled, as evidenced in the breadth of land sown with cereals last autumn and this spring.

Mr. C. W. Harrison dissented from the conclusions of Mr. C., as to the utter depreciation of grain; and though he admitted that there could now be no change of the present year's prices, whatever they might be, yet the farmer could and would for the future do his share to regulate the supply to the demand. He contended that in the vicinity of Philadelphia—say the near counties—wheat could not be raised for less than $1.40 per bushel; and whenever it fell below the price of production, here and elsewhere, or below such price at which a fair profit could be realized, its cultivation would diminish until the price shall make its production desirable to the farmer.

None, we believe, deny the home truth, that to insure permanent greatness to our country, possessing as ours does all the elements of greatness in an eminent degree, it must become, not theoretically and in certain specified relations, but practically and pervadingly, *Independent*. While from the extent of our territory and the variety of our climate, our productions are limited only by human necessity, we should possess the means within ourselves to prepare these productions in the many forms for consumption that this necessity may demand. Hence we should make all our own clothes,

whether of cotton, wool, flax, etc., instead of sending the raw material elsewhere, and our flour and cornmeal after it to feed those who do this work for us, and pay an enormous freight over the seas, which the producer must always pay—instead of manufacturing our own goods, in our own country, at our own doors, and allowing our farmers to feed the workers here, and thus have a better and more certain market—better, because the cost of exportation will be saved—more certain, because the consumers would always exist, nay, would be increasing; and all that they consume would be supplied from the immediate neighborhood. In a word, on *home industry and home markets* the future greatness of the United States must intimately and practically rely.

The next meeting of the Club will be held at Prospect Hill, the residence of Mr. C. W. Harrison. It will be the annual meeting, and officers for the ensuing year will be chosen.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, July 2, 1856

JUNE MEETING

The Farmers' Club of Philadelphia held its annual meeting at Prospect Hill, the farm of Mr. C. W. Harrison, on the 24th ult. The attendance of members was not large, owing to unavoidable circumstances. Dr. Elwyn, President, was in the chair. There were several invited guests, whose presence added interest to the occasion.

The principal item of interest, connected with the proceedings of the Club, was the trial of the mowing machines. Four or five were expected on the ground, but when the trial came there were but two. With the rest *something, of course, was the matter.* One of the two that was put in operation completely failed, not from any defect in the principle or from any mistake in the patentee, but, as usual, in the manner of its construction. A keen mechanical eye could at once discover the fatal errors. A model machine, built under the eye of the inventor, should be placed in every manufactory; indeed, the inventor should make it an absolute condition, under heavy penalties, to the right of manufacturing any machine of this kind, that in nowise, either in form or quality, should the model be departed from. To this neglect is to be attributed all the prejudice existing against mowing and reaping machines, and indeed to agricultural machinery in general.

One of the original mowers of Ketchum's, which had been in use four or five years, and cut hundreds upon hundreds of acres of grass, performed with its usual ease and efficiency.

A portion of the field in which it was operating was cut with the scythe, and as the hay lay scattered over it the fact was not discovered by one or two persons, who, turning up the hay, thought the *machine* did not cut as close as it ought! The truth is, that even this old machine, with none of the important improvements of those now made, cut the grass closer and more evenly than the scythe. A member stated that he had then in operation on his farm one of the *improved* Ketchum's, and it worked to a charm; he never saw anything like it. This sustains us again in all that we have said in praise of this admirable machine. Messrs. Paschal Morris & Co., we are informed, have sold nearly two hundred of them already this season, and that they cannot be manufactured fast enough to meet the orders for them.

Delano's horse rake was also tried on this occasion, and it, of course, gave unqualified satisfaction. It is a very simple and most efficient implement, and no farmer who has fifty acres of ground should be without it. The hay is raked up as cleanly as it could be done by hand, in *loose* winrows, thus leaving it in the best condition for curing; the ground is not scarified by it, and no ordinary obstructions impede its progress in the least, as each tooth is independent of the other, and is so constructed as to pass over, without hitching, stones, stumps, etc., of a foot in height! Messrs. Landreth & Son have sold hundreds this season, and cannot manufacture them in sufficient numbers to meet the daily demand.

Mr. Harrison has some excellent stock. Several cows attracted much attention. A beautiful animal, a present when a calf from Mr. C. P. Fox, was the flower of the herd.

The meeting was altogether a delightful one. The Club will meet next month at the farm of Mr. John S. Haines, Germantown.

Mr. Isaac Pearson, of Lower Dublin, was unanimously elected President of the Club for the ensuing year.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1856

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

There was quite an interesting meeting of the Farmers' Club held at the residence of Samuel V. Merrick, Esq., in Camden county, New Jersey, on the 18th inst. There was a good attend-

ance of members present, and a variety of subjects was discussed, bearing upon agriculture, calculated to increase our information, and to add to the interest felt in behalf of this universal pursuit.

Mr. Merrick's farm lies high and beautiful, and commands an extensive view of the country for many miles around, including the city of Philadelphia, Germantown, etc. The land embraces one hundred and twenty-seven acres, all which, except a few acres of woodland, is in an excellent state of cultivation, and produces heavy crops. The soil is a sandy mould, is cultivated with considerable facility, but is not liable to swallow up the manure, as does much of the sandy soil, for the reason that a clay sub-soil pretty generally prevails. The crops cultivated are the same as those upon any well managed farm in Pennsylvania. The stock was very fine, consisting mostly of grades for the dairy, which were much liked; the swine were a cross of the Berkshire and Chester county breeds, which are preferred by many over all others. A few Tartar sheep were also on the farm, which Mr. M. designs keeping principally for mutton, though their wool is of a quality by no means to be despised. They usually lamb twice a year, producing each time at least two, and sometimes four, young.

It was with great pleasure that we inspected the barns, stalls and pens. They were constructed with an eye to the cleanliness, health and comfort of all the animals. The tool-house, the implement and wagon sheds, etc., etc., were all occupied. Indeed everything appeared to be in its place, and in a good state of repair. Implements and machines of the most approved make were there. The fruit crops turned out well—apples and grapes especially.

The day was very warm, and locomotion being rather exhausting, the members did not extend their walks as far as customary; but altogether a most delightful day was passed in the midst of rural scenery that could scarcely be surpassed even in our own glorious state, and with a host who makes everyone comfortable and at home beneath his roof.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1856

MEETING OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

The monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on the 11th instant at "Arendell," the residence of the President, Isaac Pearson, Esq., in the twenty-third ward.

There was a good attendance of members, and the general interest of the meetings, so long continued, was in no wise diminished. The grain and hay crops stowed in the fine, commodious barn upon this farm, were large and of excellent quality, and showed, notwithstanding the somewhat unfavorable season, that highly cultivated ground will always yield its product in the face of adverse circumstances seriously affecting less thoroughly tilled land.

The only crops still in the fields were corn and rutabagas. The first was cut off close to the ground, and unusually well shocked, ready for husking and curing. It was only a moderate crop, though we believe it to be equal to any in the neighborhood—better than any which struck our eye in our drive that day of eleven miles. Some of the members objected to the close cutting of the stalks, on account that while the lower portion of the butts was of no value as fodder, it largely increased the bulk and weight of handling and hauling. One member said he preferred to cut his stalks to an even three feet from the ground, and afterwards to cut the remaining as low as possible, and let it scatter over the surface to be plowed under. This was objected to for several reasons. First, that all the stalk can be converted into food by cutting, steaming, and mixing with a little meal; that the labor would not be diminished by this plan, and that the stalks upon the surface would more or less interfere with the plowing. The corn grown upon Mr. Pearson's farm is the mixed gourd and yellow flint, which produces probably more abundantly than any other, and which for some years has been largely cultivated in eastern Pennsylvania.

The rutabaga crop bore a very thrifty appearance, and though three acres in extent, it was uniform throughout. The seed had been drilled in nearly two weeks after the customary period, when Mr. Pearson is in the practice of planting the crop.

It was not in the ground before the 1st of August, whereas it should never, when it can be avoided, be left beyond the 20th of July. At that time the present year, it will be remembered that a severe drought prevailed, and even when the seed was put in the soil was one mass of dust. The crop was still in fine growing condition, and the roots would increase considerably in size to the time of harvesting, about the 20th of the month. The yield would reach about four hundred bushels per acre, or twelve hundred for

the three acres. We saw, some years ago, a crop upon the same premises that yielded *seven hundred* bushels to the acre. · The mode of harvesting is thus: One hand pulls two rows at once, striking the roots together to free dirt, and throwing them down as he proceeds, across the rows, when another hand comes along armed with something like a corn knife, and with a single blow cuts off the top, which is left to remain scattered over the ground. Carts are then passed along and the roots hauled to the barn and stored in the barn cellar, whence they are fed to the cattle all winter, and keep in a fine, sound condition until early pasture in the spring! Mr. P. has fed them until the middle of May, when they were nearly as plump and heavy as in early winter, and they were consumed by the cattle with undiminished avidity.

On the land occupied by the rutabagas there was a fine-looking crop of rye growing. and Mr. P. informed the Club that the rutabagas in no degree interfered with the yield of the crop. Tops scattered over the grain were a protection to it, and helped to enrich the ground. He allows to milch cows half a bushel of chopped roots per day, which he finds to be the extent that ought to be fed to a dairy cow, to avoid the taste of the turnip in the milk and butter. To other cattle, and especially to those intended for the shambles, any quantity may be fed with advantage that they will consume. He finds them, as do all others who have been in the way of raising them, to be an indispensable article of provender during the winter months, in the absence of other succulent food, and that they economize hay to a large extent. Mr. P. says it requires very little other food in the fattening process to put cattle in a desirable state for slaughtering.

In the cultivation of this crop, he manured a portion of it with barnyard manure, and another portion with guano, leaving a single row, as a dividing line, without any manure. The first was placed in a furrow struck for the purpose, another furrow thrown upon it, and the seed drilled in upon the top of that. The guano was thrown broadcast, omitting a furrow. But little difference could be seen in the two portions, the guanoed part rather having the advantage. The row without any manure was a miserable failure.

Mr. Pearson has a high opinion of guano, but like most good farmers, and in accordance with the general opinion of the members

of the Club, alternates the application of guano with barnyard manure. This retains the land in the best condition, whereas few believe that this can be done by the exclusive use of guano. He also believes in the effects of guano for at least the second year. He has repeatedly tested it.

On the premises of Mr. P. is one of the best apple orchards we have seen for many years. It occupies *fifteen* acres, the trees are planted forty feet apart each way, and the aggregate number amounts to five hundred. It is in a thriving and productive state. The different varieties of fruit have been selected with great care and judgment, and the yield of the orchard this season has been most abundant. Four hundred bushels were hand-picked and carefully stored, and probably twice that amount was either fed to the hogs or converted into cider, a cider room being one of the fixtures of the farm. Some crab-cider made on the premises was excellent. We saw the "Belle Fleur," the "Fornwalder," the "Yoder Pippin," superior (except in richness of flavor) to the "Newton"; the "Fall Pippin" just in its prime; the "Pearmain," the "Lecker," the "Lady Apple" and half a dozen other excellent varieties ripening at proper periods up to late spring.

When a tree decays in the orchard it is at once removed and a young tree substituted; and by pursuing this system regularly the orchard is steadily kept up in the same state of health and productiveness. This course cannot be too pointedly presented to farmers generally, who have of late years, on the groundless pretence that apples won't do any longer in this region, permitted their orchards, which their fathers planted for them, and which they have utterly neglected, to die out and become extinct. Now the judicious farmer who will give to his orchard the same care and labor that he bestows upon his other fields, will have no cause to complain of unproductiveness, or to expose his ignorance, by saying that fruit won't grow any longer upon his plantation. These fifteen acres of orchard are now sown in rye, and from the distance which the trees stand apart, hope is entertained of a fair crop under the circumstances, or in other words, of two crops next year from the same land.

The meeting was altogether an interesting one, equally to the Club and to the invited guests.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1857

PHILADELPHIA FARMERS' CLUB—FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday, the 24th ultimo, at "Devon," the residence of Mr. George Blight. There was a fair attendance of members, and the day being unusually fine, the meeting was one of more than ordinary interest and satisfaction.

Dr. Lewis H. Twaddell, of the 24th ward, was elected a member of the Club to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. A. S. Roberts. Dr. T. is an excellent practical farmer—has long been connected with the Philadelphia Society, and will make a useful member of the Club.

A number of subjects were discussed in the usual informal manner, and a good deal of diversity of opinion expressed in relation to most of them.

Chinese Sugar-Cane.—It was the general opinion that this new and popular syrup-producing plant should have a fair and careful trial, in competent hands, and the result be made known through proper channels, before it can be pronounced unerringly to be a valuable acquisition to the country, as many already suppose.

Mr. Harrison was fearful that it would be a failure—that it would turn out to be another *morus multicaulis* bubble—that there was nothing certain known about it; and those who have caused excitement in relation to it had some selfish motive to promote—the sale of the seed, etc.

Mr. Freas contended that whatever might be the eventual results of the experiments which might be made in certain quarters, this year, with the cane, in the production of molasses, no damage of a pecuniary nature could ensue, inasmuch as there had been no successful speculation in the seed; on the contrary, it had been scattered broadcast over the Union by the Commissioner of Patents, members of Congress and others, as well as by private individuals from their own surplus crop of seed of last year's yield, without fee or reward. The seed, too, had been distributed, except in particular cases, in small parcels, sufficient only to furnish an abundance of seed for next year, by which time he thought enough experiments in various quarters would be made to show clearly whether or not it was worthy of cultivation, and to what extent. Every trial to convert the juice of the cane into molasses, which

had met the public eye, he said, appeared to show that its productive capacity per acre was very large, both North and South, and the profit, at the estimated cost per gallon for making would leave a large margin for the producer. Still, he thought, further experiments were demanded before correct conclusions could be formed as to its actual value.

Mr. Blight said he concurred entirely in these views, and thought the coming season would probably settle the question, even in the absence of perfect machinery, as to the feasibility of making molasses from it at a sufficient profit to cause it to be an object for general cultivation on the part of farmers.

Mr. Sharples said that so far as we had any knowledge of the value of this product, it was favorable, and he could not conceive how there was to be any speculation about it or risk run, unless many should foolishly rush into planting large breadths of land and ordering expensive machinery in advance of information about it which all ought to possess.

Mr. Merrick said that while he had no reason to doubt the statements made and published, respecting the character of the Chinese sugar-cane, he thought also that we needed more information. His own view was that in the event of the cane being all that the favorable representations made it, the manufacture of molasses would not become a general thing among farmers, on account of the trouble of making it and the expense of machinery—complete machinery for the purpose costing, in his judgment, some seven or eight hundred dollars. He was of the opinion that large manufactories would be established in various localities, best calculated for the growth of the cane, to which farmers would carry their crops, etc.

Making Butter.—This subject led to a great deal of conversation. Messrs. Merrick and Sharples contended that butter-making, at present or even a lower price, was profitable, and cited numerous instances in which persons had become rich by the business. Mr. Harrison contended that butter could not be made at a profit for less than fifty cents per lb., and even at that the farm could produce more lucrative crops. Mr. Haines said he had not as much experience in butter-making as some other members present; but he thought that a well-managed dairy farm had much encouragement from the present prices of butter. A great drawback, he said, was the poor quality of a large proportion of the butter made, which of

course brought inferior prices, while it was very little more trouble to make good, well-flavored, sweet butter which would keep so until consumed, in the ordinary period, and which would bring twenty-five per cent more per pound. It was a great mistake to make poor butter, when a good article was both more profitable and creditable.

Feeding cattle for the shambles was not considered a paying business in the vicinity of Philadelphia, except in particular cases where the stock was either incidentally raised on the premises, or taken from the yoke. Mr. Clement read a very interesting statement of cattle and sheep fattened by Mr. Louis Clapier, on the adjoining premises, some thirty years ago, which has rarely been excelled anywhere, considering their number and weight, in one season.

Breeds of Cattle.—Mr. Sharples inquired whether the breeding of the shorthorns, from the same herd for a series of years, however choice the cattle, was not calculated to deteriorate the quality, as he had observed, he thought, very clearly in certain herds where this system was pursued a falling off in symmetry and valuable points. Mr. Clement replied that while this might be the case, there was no necessity that it should be permitted, and it was guarded against in England, as there was some of the finest shorthorn stock in this country the world ever saw. He also thought that there was no breed to compete with this for the general farmer, alike as to ease of keep, milking properties, or feeding for the shambles. Mr. S. objected to the coarseness of a portion of the meat, which was greater than in most other cattle. He thought well of the Herefords, the specimens on exhibition at the late U. S. Fair being unmistakably fine. Others concurred in this. Mr. Pearson said he had parted with his Devons on account of the long period—from three to four months—which they went dry; but in other respects he liked the breed. A cow ought not to go dry more than six weeks, and she could generally be brought to that by careful milking.

Several other topics were broached, among them the necessity of making our port a great entrepôt for grain, pork, and other farm products, by which vessels loading in foreign ports for Philadelphia would always be sure of a return cargo.

Nothing would promote this object so directly, it was unanimously agreed, as the completion of the great lines of railroads running into the vast interior.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1857

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

The Farmers' Club held a regular meeting at the town residence of General Robert Patterson, on Wednesday last, and a very interesting occasion it was. Mr. Pearson presided with his usual ability. There were several invited guests of distinction, to make up for the absence of members who were either away from home or indisposed. Among the latter, we are sorry to say, was Mr. Merrick.

The premises of General Patterson, perhaps the most extensive and beautiful within the limits of the built-up portions of the city, embrace a square bounded by Locust, Thirteenth, Spruce and Juniper Streets. It abounds with flowers, plants and fruits of every description. We never saw more thrifty fruit trees, principally pears, or excelled in symmetrical beauty. His conservatory and greenhouses are extensive, comprehensive, and a study for anyone who has a penchant that way. His outdoor grapevines—the Isabella and Catawba—are very handsomely arranged, and very productive. Altogether his enclosure reminded us of what might have been the garden from which our first parents were driven for disobedience, and we could imagine their loss.

We left too early to hear the discussions on agricultural topics inside; but hope some one who did will enlighten our readers and ourselves with a sketch of them.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1857

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

The Farmers' Club of Philadelphia held its seventh annual meeting at Prospect Hill, the residence of Mr. C. W. Harrison, Thursday last, the second instant—the President, Mr. Isaac Pearson, in the chair. This being the day for the election of officers for the ensuing year, *Philip R. Freas* was unanimously elected President, and *Mr. George Blight* was unanimously elected Secretary.

The following is the program of the monthly meetings for the current year, the Club always meeting at the houses of the respective members:

June —Charles W. Harrison, Philadelphia county
July —P. R. Freas, Germantown
Aug. —Caspar W. Sharples, Delaware county
Sept. —Samuel V. Merrick, Camden county, N. J.

Oct. —Isaac Pearson, Philadelphia county
Nov. —George Blight, Montgomery county
Dec. —John S. Haines, Germantown
Jan. —Gen. Robert Patterson, Philadelphia
Feb. —Dr. A. L. Elwyn, Philadelphia
Mar. —David Landreth, Bucks county
Apr. —Dr. L. H. Twaddell, Philadelphia county
May —Charles Kelly, Delaware county

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, eight of the twelve members were punctual in their attendance, and the meeting was, altogether, as it always is at Prospect Hill, quite interesting. Had the weather been favorable the "Digger" of Dr. Evans', from Ohio, would have been on the ground and put into operation. The same cause prevented a fair trial of a one-horse mower, which was kindly brought upon the ground by Mr. Samuel Smedley, of Byberry, which he had purchased for his own use. It was Colburn's machine, a New England patent, and is constructed on the cam principle, but is an improvement on any made after this principle we have yet seen. The trial made, though in the rain, with the ground saturated with water, proved the machine to be very satisfactory. It cuts a swath three feet in width, better than could be done with the scythe, and runs with considerable ease. The bed or frame-work of the machine is of cast-iron of stable strength, and the shafts, which are the only wood-work about it, except the line-board, are arranged in a very substantial way. The fingers are made upon a new principle, and we think an improved one, as affording strength and ease of motion. Altogether it is a complete little mower, and just the thing upon small farms. Its cost is $65.

A rather singular depredator upon the timothy was noticed upon Mr. Harrison's place in the shape of a worm, about an inch and a half in length, rather two worms of the same family, one brown and the other green, which are devouring the heads of the grass. Without examining them very carefully, we should say that they were precisely the same that consumed the foliage of the maple and several other varieties of trees. The long-continued moist weather may have brought them out before the usual time, and the timothy head probably presented the most delicate and succulent food for them. True it is, that they are really playing havoc with the crop upon this farm, and it is fair to presume that

the depredation is pretty general. A few bright days may, however, change the theatre of operation, with less injury.

A wheat crop upon this farm was nearly destroyed by the fly, and one or two other fields on other farms appeared to be suffering from the same cause. We think the fly is worse this season than for many years, owing, no doubt, mainly to the cool, moist weather.

Hay-making is nearly two weeks behind time, and the grain harvest will be fully that long. Corn is also at least two weeks behind the usual growth of the crop; but as to this, a few days of hot sun will send it ahead, and will likely make up all lost time.

There was a good deal of conversation on the subject of high prices of meats, and the opinion prevailed that the cost was owing to the scarcity of animals, and the neglect of farmers generally to keep up their stock-raising to the proportional extent which prevailed twenty years ago. That the deficiency would be supplied as speedily as natural causes would admit of, was believed, but that would take some time—at least two or three years—the presumption being that the high prices prevailing for the last two or three years had already stimulated farmers in that direction.

The "Digger," invented by Dr. Evans, and which some of the members had seen in operation, was favorably referred to. It seemed to be susceptible of improvement in some respects, but the general impression was that it promised to be a useful though an expensive implement.

The constant fall of rain kept the members indoors almost entirely; but still on the second day of July they enjoyed their confinement most comfortably before a good fire.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, August 5, 1857

Farmers' Club of Philadelphia

The July meeting of the Club was held on the 29th ultimo, at the house of Mr. Philip R. Freas. There were present an average attendance of the members, and invited guests friendly to the cause. "The Telegraph Farm" was duly inspected. This choice spot will at all times bear minute examination. Such is the harmony and good taste displayed that the critical eye finds nothing to displease. The fruit trees, of varied and well-selected kinds, are so placed as not to allow the shade of one to injure the other. The vegetables also are equally well adapted to their soil, and so

arranged as to permit the loss of no space. The dwarf pears particularly attracted attention; the trees were very thrifty, some of them of large size, and full of fruit.

This being the harvest meeting, the crops of the season naturally formed the subject of conversation. Although in the adjoining States, south, the wheat was considered a failure—in some instances not yielding the amount of seed—it was generally conceded that in the vicinity of this city, as well as throughout the State, the wheat was an average crop; the ravages of the fly had been injurious, but not to the extent in other localities. The rye, more free from damaging foes, was deemed a full yield, and oats, without exception, were considered most prolific. The season for the potato was thought to be favorable, both as to size and the amount of produce. One of the members read a letter from Virginia in which occurred the following passage: "I have traveled through Virginia, and inquired particularly of farmers about their crops, and I learned that wheat, in many places, is a failure; oats, potatoes and grass are in abundance; corn promises well. In our neighborhood the crops are largely the same; wheat falls far below the average, generally."

There was no dissenting from what appears to be the general belief now that the corn crop would yield, in the event of not being overtaken by an untoward drawback, its usual product. What it had lost in height, the first two months after planting, was fully made up in color and thickness of stalk; so that if blessed with moderately favorable weather up to the pulling of the ear, a good crop may be anticipated.

The improvement in farming implements and machinery was referred to, as meeting the emergency of the prevailing scarcity and high price of labor. The mowing and reaping machines—the independent horse-rake—the hay elevator—the subsoil plow—the various "cultivators"—the portable corn mills—the hay, straw and root cutters—together with the general improved character of the minor utensils, were regarded as, in the order of Providence, meeting the deficiency which the farmers at the present day would have otherwise most severely felt.

One of the members had lost a fine young bull from turning him upon clover, after the removal of the hay. In common with many others, he had always considered the early growth of clover very injurious to stock, and had refrained from pasturing it—that the second growth or aftermath did not produce hoven. In this he was

mistaken, and upon investigation discovered that clover eaten when moist either by dew or rain, would always prove prejudicial. In this case, the animal was turned in at an early hour, before the sun had attained any height.

G. BLIGHT,
Secretary.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1857

MEETING OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

The November meeting of the Club was held at the residence of Mr. George Blight, White Marsh, Montgomery county. Though the precarious state of the weather prevented the average attendance of members, yet the meeting possessed interest, and those present exhibited the old feeling in behalf of these agreeable monthly reunions.

The premises now owned and occupied by Mr. Blight, are well-known as the "Scheetz Farm," lying directly upon the banks of the Wissahickon, in one of the most beautiful localities of that beautiful stream. The valley of this stream, for some distance either way from this place, is considered by those best informed as the "Garden Spot" of the county.

The attention of the Club was particularly drawn to the natural fertility of the soil upon this farm—its adaptness to the growth of grasses, and their excellent fattening properties. The full condition of the extensive hay-mows, justified to the abundance of the crop, as well as did the thriftiness of a number of fine young steers pasturing on the aftermath. The season being remarkably fine for the hay crop, two tons per acre were estimated to have been cut from seventy acres. Ninety to one hundred tons of hay are sold in the Philadelphia market; in return for which as many loads of stable manure are hauled upon the farm from the city, thus allowing the land to suffer no deterioration from this heavy carrying away of provender. When the cold weather destroys the grass, the steers are fed upon the corn fodder and oat straw until the middle of May, when they are fattened upon the fine meadows for the butcher.

The Chinese sugar-cane was referred to as being very valuable for fodder, especially when fed to milch cows. It was stated that a cow fed upon this fodder for eight successive days increased in milk one pound per day. That it would soon become an object to

farmers to make sugar for domestic use was questioned, the expense being too great for individual incurrence. This, however, would not be the case with the manufacture of molasses; but as to sugar, manufactories might be established by men of capital, in different districts, the same as our greatest mills are at present, where the cane can be taken and either sold or converted into sugar for a stipulated toll. No one believed that the cultivation of the sugar-cane in this region would interfere with the regular routine of farming as now prosecuted; but that it would simply be an additional crop to an extent only, in a large majority of cases, to supply family wants.

Mr. John S. Haines exhibited specimens of the *Columbia* and *Glout Morceau* pears, which were much admired for their size and flavor. The cultivation of fruits was somewhat considered by the Club, and the conclusion come to was that it was entirely too much neglected by the general farmer, as well as by the community at large, whether they occupied large or small quantities of land. It was believed that even as a matter of profit the space occupied with principal fruit trees was at least equally productive as any other part of the farm, while the ground thus used was not in other respects entirely lost. There were many varieties of apples, pears, cherries, etc., together with choice smaller fruits, which for marketing would command liberal prices, while the time their cultivation required would trench comparatively little upon the force of the farm at times when their services were most pressing.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1858

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

The October meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on the 7th instant at "The Cedars," the farm of Samuel V. Merrick, in Camden county, N. J. The meeting was well attended and interesting in character. These meetings never partake of the formality of an association. They were originally designed as a social gathering of gentlemen either directly engaged in farming, or who feel a deep concern in the promotion of agriculture, with a view both to personal and general advantage.

The farm of Mr. Merrick contains about one hundred and twenty acres, lies high, is beautifully rolling, and possesses the advantages of a small stream. The surrounding scenery is placid and attrac-

tive; but the commanding hills at a distance, as seen from this elevated standpoint, present a *tout ensemble* which would quite surprise many Pennsylvanians accustomed to regard New Jersey merely as a champaign.

There were several topics broached by various members and guests during the meeting.

The subject of beef-producing brought out Mr. Harrison, who contended that fat cattle could not be raised for less than ten cents per pound. He said that he had in one season fatted twenty head of steers; that he had kept a minute account of the expenses, and had realized only the profit upon the corn which they ate. He was of the opinion that it required one hundred bushels of corn to make a bullock weigh one thousand pounds. Cattle should be fatted at the earliest practicable period—at four years old, if possible.

Other members had been in the practice of grass-feeding cattle intended for the shambles. They would purchase in the fall as many steers as would consume their stock of corn fodder through the winter, and then graze the following season upon the early grass, by which they realized from $15 to $20 per head in advance of cost, after estimating the hay which the pasture consumed would have yielded, and the manure made during the winter, one about balancing the other. They preferred this as a more profitable mode than stall-feeding. It was, however, generally concurred in that pork-raising was much to be preferred by farmers in this section, as being less expensive. In the hands of those thoroughly understanding the business it was contended that a less increase in each hog than a pound a day would not be satisfactory. This at the present or rather late prices of dead hogs would pay very well.

Mr. Merrick thought, in reviewing the subject of stock-raising and beef-producing, that in eastern Pennsylvania, and indeed in all places—New Jersey as well as elsewhere, though New Jersey could not be considered as being well adapted to this part of farming—was not to be commended as a systematic and leading branch. Land was too dear and the farms necessarily small. It should only be pursued as an accessory just when the facilities were presented, and hence when a few head of cattle could be managed with profit—and in this each farmer was to be his own judge.

The stock-raising region was the Great West and South West, here the natural grasses were luxuriant, inexhaustible, and fat-pro-ıcing, and where land was to be obtained at government prices. ur railroads, now penetrating into almost every region, brought ıese fertile prairies and cheaply fatted cattle within a few days of ır large cities and good markets at fully remunerative prices.

Mr. Freas introduced the subject of fruit-raising, and thought ıat the general farmer overlooked entirely too much the cultiva-on of apples and pears. This was particularly observable in the ery sections of the country in Pennsylvania where the production ' both these fruits should be the most abundant and the most .crative. The number of orchards seems to be every year lessen-g. The old ones are allowed to die off years and years before ıey have become exhausted from age. Many farmers think that ıe only thing upon their plantation which ought to produce ·ofitable crops without any labor, expense, or indeed the least ;tention, is the orchard. Why, he could not understand. Look ·ound and observe the almost utter neglect with which the ·chard is treated! See how many trees are prematurely old! nd then listen to the complaints that the orchard has become orthless—fruit-growing in that particular locality *has run out,* ıd it is useless occupying valuable ground with the trees! A ·eater fallacy never existed. Apples and pears can be produced ere and everywhere now just as abundantly as at any former eriod; and all that is needed to insure this is: 1st, proper cultiva-on—that is, equal cultivation with other crops. 2d, a judicious lection of such varieties of both apples and pears *as will suit the cality.* This can be easily ascertained by having an observing 'e and using it. Mr. Landreth, Mr. Blight and Gen. Patterson ıncurred in these views.

The farm of Mr. M., notwithstanding the drought, and the land eing of a silicious mould, wore a fresher aspect than a large majority ' those on this side of the river. This was remarked with sur-·ise by the members of the Club generally. Indeed, Camden ıunty is one of the very finest in New Jersey. Haddonfield is one ' the prettiest country towns we know of, and Dr. Hendry, one of ıe guests, says that it is distressingly healthy. The Club ad-urned to meet at "Ardenheim."

GEORGE BLIGHT,
Secretary.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1858

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

The Philadelphia Farmers' Club held a very agreeable meeting at "Ardenheim," the residence of Mr. George Blight, in Montgomery county, on the 9th instant. The location of this farm upon the Wissahickon is beautiful, possessing many natural advantages, and appeared to be under an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Blight is a straightforward, practical farmer, loves the pursuit, and has been eminently successful in it. The mansion, barns, and general appurtenances of the place are well adapted to the uses of an intelligent agriculturist, who feels a pride in his profession, many improvements having been made within eighteen months past.

The Club much admired a herd of Devons pasturing upon the fine meadows adjacent to the Wissahickon—a breed of cattle which has not only been the favorite with Mr. Blight for many years, but also the favorite of farmers generally who desire appearance *and* profit, instead of appearance only. Some of the cows, heifers and steers were as good specimens as probably the county can produce.

The principal item of conversation was the subject of fall manuring.

Mr. Blight expressed himself favorably to the application of manure in the autumn, to remain upon the surface through the winter, on such lands as were intended for corn or other spring crops. He said that the practice had, in the neighborhood, been pretty generally adopted, and from his experiments and observations he was led to believe that it possessed advantages over spring manuring.

Mr. Landreth united in this opinion, so far as he was capable of judging, from some experience in this mode of application. He thought that it was in accordance with commonsense that the land should be additionally benefited by this over the common mode of hauling out manure and covering it at once. With much manure, in some seasons, the decomposition would not sufficiently be progressed to benefit a young plant when it needs support the most. Besides, the protecting of the surface against the effects of sun and wind—the constant changing of temperature, in freezing and thawing, was of much advantage, to say nothing of the enrich-

ıces of the manure, which for portions of the year would
ıg their way into the soil long before the haulm of the
on would be turned in to fulfill its office.

lwyn was quite decided in his approval of fall manuring
or top-dressing grass lands. He has never heard of it
issatisfaction, but was quite averse to making the appli-
ɔon rolling or rather hilly lands, as upon them there would
loss from washing, etc.

heridan differed in his views as to the advantages of fall
with all the preceding gentlemen. He had not particu-
ɐerimented, but he had not yet been convinced that the
g of manure upon the surface in the autumn to remain
the winter exposed to the sun, rain and winds, would not
interfere with the effects of the manure. He said the
uired all the genial warmth of the sun, during the winter,
bted that any benefit from shading at this period, would
for the losses. His practice had been to haul out all his
as fast as it accumulated, fresh from the stables, and plow
as soon as possible. He said he hauled from the city one
l dollars worth of manure annually, besides purchasing
ıes at the lime-kilns, lime, etc.; but all was buried out of
once. He admitted that he had found benefit from top-
grass lands in the fall, and approved the application so far
lescription of crop was concerned. Mr. Sheridan, it is well
ıas perhaps the largest and assuredly one of the very best
the rural wards of Philadelphia, and his experience has
y extensive.

andreth replied, and said that there was no evaporation
volatile portions of the manure during the winter months.
ed a certain amount of heat to produce evaporation, which
ɔxist during this period.

Patterson had no doubt of the good effects of shading the
or three or four months of the year, when it could not be
any of the purposes of farming. He said that it was a very
practice among the sugar-growers of Louisiana, when the
become exhausted by over-cropping, to intermit a single
sugar-cane, and instead put in a heavy crop of peas,
ıt, which densely covered the entire surface, shading the
ıpletely, and which was left unharvested until a late period.
ɔt was almost magical. The soil was surprisingly renovated,

apparently as affluent as it ever was, and again produced the cane abundantly for many consecutive years.

Mr. Freas, who introduced the topic, had no doubt of the good effects and advantages of top-dressing the land in the fall, intended for corn or other spring crops requiring manure. He said some of the best farmers in Montgomery county had for a number of years adopted this system, and they found that they could obtain better crops and the ground was left in better condition than by the old system. Another advantage was, that the autumn was a season of more leisure to perform this work than the spring, which is sometimes very brief, when everything has to be hurried, and the labor of conveyance increased from the condition of the ground. He said that upon a visit to Chester county, in the hay-making season, he noticed that those farmers whose premises he had visited did not use a rake in their hay-fields. The hay, which the common hay-fork did not gather, was left scattered over the fields, and when the cost of it was inquired, the reply was that the quantity so left in the field was of more advantage by far to the land, in shading the grass and protecting the roots, than in the mows.

Other topics were broached and talked over, but of which your reporter took no notes.

"Germantown Telegraph," Wednesday, May 25, 1859

FARMERS' CLUB MEETING

The May meeting of the Farmers' Club of Philadelphia was held at the "Telegraph Farm," on Wednesday last—General Patterson, President, in the chair. There was an excellent attendance of members, who were honored with the presence of William Stavely, Esq., President of the Bucks County Agricultural Society; Dr. Jas. A. M'Crea, formerly President of the Montgomery County Society; Craig Biddle, Esq., President of the Philadelphia Society; Daniel C. Getty, Esq., Treasurer of the same; together with several other distinguished agriculturists. The absence of William B. Roberts, Esq., President of the Montgomery County Society, and of James Andrews, Esq., President of the Delaware County Society, was much regretted.

Mr. Craig Biddle was elected a member of the Club in the room of Mr. John S. Haines, resigned; and Dr. James A. M'Crea, in the room of Mr. Isaac Pearson, resigned.

"GERMANTOWN TELEGRAPH," WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1859

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

The Farmers' Club held its annual meeting at Bloomsdale, on Thursday, the 23d inst. The unflagging interest in the proceedings of the Club was evinced by the general attendance of members, there being but one absent. Several distinguished gentlemen honored the association by their presence and the occasion was one of unalloyed pleasure to all, and to the writer, at least, an opportunity for increasing his stock of rural knowledge.

The subjects of discussion were the crops, and machinery used in their tillage, as they were presented in a survey of the grounds and buildings—the adaptation of steam to agriculture, as a beautiful engine used for threshing and cleaning seeds noiselessly performed this work, certainly not with the precision of the inimitable one controlled by the Director of the Mint (an invited guest), but with the proper power and celerity; and it was generally conceded the day was near at hand when the steam-power for stationary labors would be deemed indispensable on every well-appointed farm.

Some time was usefully spent in the inspection of the houses for drying seeds, and the spacious barn, all in readiness to receive the teeming crops approaching the period of harvest, one of which, the turnip, was in process of being cut. To most of the gentlemen present the magnitude of the operations at Bloomsdale was no novelty, but it might surprise some to learn that upwards of fifty acres were occupied by the crop just named, and that of one variety of turnip 3,000 bushels were this spring planted out for seeding!

The evidence of care and precision in the varied details was worthy of note, and may be referred to as an example to be copied.

The working stock of the estate consists of twenty head—horses, mules and oxen; and Mr. Landreth, while admitting the almost indispensable necessity for horses in farm labor, was decided in his opinion that mules were more economical, and not liable to some of the objections which we have urged against them. During the period of ten years, in which mules have been used at Bloomsdale, there has not been one dollar's loss sustained by accident or death, and the oldest one in his possession was worth more now than the original cost! The working oxen are the New England Devons, doubtless the best for draft. The dairy stock, kept only for private use, are thoroughbred Alderneys, or, to be more precise, Guern-

sey, derived from the importations of the late Mr. Nicholas Biddle, crossed by the more recent importations of Col. Colt, of Paterson, and others. Whatever prejudices may have heretofore existed regarding this stock, it is now seldom questioned in well-informed quarters that it is the one for private use, where the quality of the butter and cream is the primary object. Instances are not rare where even the quantity is equal to the product of shorthorns of twice their weight.

The Club was gratified by witnessing the mowing capacity of a "Swift-Sure Harvester," made at the Bristol Agricultural Works; the test was through a dense growth of red and white clover, considerably beaten down by the late prevailing rains, and the mower, worked by a pair of mules, passed through with celerity and certainty, fully bearing out its expressive title. There could be no doubt it is destined to be a most popular machine, and will ultimately supersede many of the worthless implements of the kind palmed upon our farmers.

Mr. Merrick presented a sample of Mediterranean wheat, imported by him from Leghorn, the heads of which were twice the length of the old well-known variety of that name, but not so far advanced towards maturity—an important deficiency—but it remains to be seen how fully it may be adapted to our climate. Mr. M. is entitled to credit for his effort to re-introduce the invaluable variety termed "Mediterranean," whose history is now lost in obscurity, and which has become less productive than when first imported. Two hundred bushels were imported by Mr. Merrick, all of which was bought up for seed; and we shall be glad to hear from those who sowed it last fall, of the product which is now about to be gathered.

The Maclura hedge—receiving its summer pruning—is nearly two miles in length. This hedge at the same time adorns and protects the grounds at Bloomsdale, and the system of training practiced there insures the best results. They are pruned wedge-shape, which tends to enlarge the base, and affords resistance where most needed.

The "Strawberry Question" was well discussed, perhaps more faithfully than any other. The "Albany Seedling," it was generally admitted, though not a first quality, had many virtues. The "Victoria," a new variety, was generally esteemed as highly flavored, the variety being, in our judgment, infinitely inferior to the Albany or Hovey's seedling, or indeed any other kind we have

tasted this season. The truth is, in point of flavor the "Peabody" surpasses them all; in size scarcely inferior to any; but in productiveness it falls behind most other varieties.

The lawn attached to the fine residence of Mr. Landreth is one of the best we have yet witnessed, and all the work of some nine years. The collection of trees is not only extensive, but embraces all the choice varieties, and they are in a condition to challenge the admiration of all. None but the hand of the Master could so nearly reach perfection. The water for the premises is obtained from the Delaware by an ornate wind-power erected in the lawn.

The supply by this means has always been uniform, with little or no expense after first cost, which we understand is not greater than that of other appliances, while the power can be furnished where it may be impossible to use either wheel or ram.

This being the annual meeting of the Club, an election of President and Secretary, to serve the ensuing year, was held, which resulted in the choice of Mr. Samuel V. Merrick for President, and Mr. George Blight for Secretary.

After some hours pleasantly and profitably passed, the Club adjourned to meet next month at "Devon," the residence of Mr. George Blight, one of the original and most devoted members.

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INTRODUCTORY

This Social Club was organized in 1847, and has since continued to hold its monthly meetings, except during the period of our national strife. At the time of its formation the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture was composed of very active members, anxious to further the objects of their organization; to do this more effectually, monthly visits to each other's farms were proposed, and therefore the Club was considered as an auxiliary to the said Society. Among those who took an active part in its formation were Mr. David Landreth, Dr. Alfred Elwyn, Mr. James Gowen, Mr. George Blight, Mr. Philip R. Freas, Mr. Owen Sheridan, Mr. James S. Huber, Mr. Algernon S. Roberts, Mr.

Charles W. Harrison, Mr. Samuel C. Ford, Mr. Caspar Sharples, Mr. Isaac Pearson, Mr. John S. Haines, and Mr. Harry Ingersoll.

The first meeting was held at Devonshire Place, June, 1847, and to the best of my recollection most of the above-named persons were present. During 1849 and 1850 Gen. Robert Patterson and Mr. McMichael became members, and from that period we recognized the Club as permanently organized. Regular meetings were assigned to each member. To Gen. Patterson and Mr. McMichael were assigned two of the cold months of winter—December and January—and to the best of my knowledge the Club never failed to dine with those gentlemen during this long period.

At the time of the formation of this Club, railroads were not numerous, and afforded but little convenience to local travel. A large assemblage of carriages and horses was, therefore, quite a feature of the meetings. The usual hour of arrival was mid-day, and after luncheon the gentlemen present would take the walk about the farm commenting upon the crops, cattle, and general aspect of affairs. Dinner was served at three o'clock, and, as many of the members had a long distance to drive, we adjourned at eight, returning by the light of the moon.

In June, 1860, Mr. Blight was elected Secretary,* and, with the exception of the years he was abroad, has acted as such. With but few exceptions, the meetings of the Club were held until July, 1861, when our unfortunate war was raging, and they were abandoned until peace should be restored.

Other gentlemen who have been members of this Club, but not heretofore mentioned are Mr. John Wilkinson, the principal of the Agricultural School on Mr. Gowen's farm, Dr. James McCrea, Dr. John Biddle, Dr. Edward Peace, Dr. Chas. R. King, Dr. William Camac, Mr. S. V. Merrick, Mr. John Price Wetherill, Mr. W. G. Moorhead, Mr. Asa Packer, Mr. Samuel Reeves, Mr. Wilmer Cannell, and Mr. Charles K. Kelly.

During the early period of its existence, Mr. P. R. Freas acted as Secretary, and published in the "Germantown Telegraph" long and interesting accounts of our proceedings.

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*NOTE.—This reference to date of Mr. Blight's election as Secretary is apparently an error. He had been Secretary for some years prior to 1860. E. B. M.

ɜ 14, 1860. The annual meeting of the Farmers' Club was ʇy held at Mr. F. Fraley's, on the York Road, Montgomery y. Present: Mr. Merrick, Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. Freas, IcMichael, Dr. Biddle, Dr. McCrea, Mr. Craig Biddle, Mr. , and Mr. Fraley. The invited guests were Mr. Sidney G. ', Mr. W. Patterson, Mr. Worrell, Mr. Tilghman.

s property, consisting of about thirty acres, was purchased r. Fraley some five years ago, during which time he has improved it. It is now in beautiful order. The crops show ı state of cultivation.

Craig Biddle was elected President for the ensuing year.

C. W. Harrison resigned his connection with the Club, to eat regret of all. Dr. Edward Peace was elected to fill the cy caused by the resignation of Mr. D. Landreth. The ıly meetings of the Club were then arranged.

1. July—Mr. G. Blight.
2. August—Dr. E. Peace.
3. September—Mr. S. V. Merrick.
4. October—Mr. Craig Biddle.
5. Mr. Cannell.
6. December—Gen. R. Patterson.
7. January—Dr. McCrea.
8. February—Mr. McMichael.
9. March—Mr. Fraley.
10. April—Mr. Freas.
11. May—Dr. Chas. King.
12. June—Dr. J. Biddle.

December meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Gen. ;terson's, Locust and Thirteenth streets, on Wednesday, 5th. ıt: Mr. Craig Biddle, Dr. John Biddle, Dr. Peace, Dr. ɜa, Mr. Merrick, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Cannell, . King, Mr. G. Blight, and the host. The invited guests ɜen. George Cadwalader, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Figuro, Mr. W. son, and the three sons of the General. Mr. Freas was the ıbsentee. Dr. McCrea and Mr. Blight, the committee ıted to inquire "why the growth of barley was not more aged in Pennsylvania," reported that they had had interwith several of the brewers, who told them "that climate ted the matter"; that northern barley was far superior;

that the hot suns of this latitude were too great; that the quantity raised by each farmer was too small to admit of a brewing. Farmers had therefore abandoned its growth, and substituted oats. The excitement in the political world occupied much of the attention of this meeting. Adjourned about nine p. m.

The January meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Dr. McCrea's, No. 2004 West DeLancey Place, on Thursday, 10th. Present: Gen. Patterson, Mr. Fraley, Dr. Peace, Dr. Biddle, Dr. Chas. King, Mr. Freas, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Craig Biddle, Mr. Blight, and the host. Mr. Cannell and Mr. Merrick were absent from sickness. The guests were Dr. Stewardson, and Mr. Geo. Carson. The political troubles of the day monopolized the attention of the Club.

The February meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Mr. McMichael's, No. 1403 Filbert Street, on Tuesday, 12th. Present: Gen. Robt. Patterson, Dr. Peace, Dr. Biddle, Dr. Chas. King, Dr. McCrea, Mr. Craig Biddle, Mr. P. R. Freas, Mr. S. V. Merrick, Mr. G. Blight, and the host. Mr. W. D. Lewis was the only invited guest. The conversation took a general turn on the topics of the day.

The May meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on the 28th inst., 1861, at Major P. R. Freas's home in Germantown. The weather was delightful, and at this season of the year the garden looked very attractive. The fruit trees were in blossom, and the vegetables were growing finely. The members present were Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Craig Biddle, Dr. McCrea, Dr. Chas. King, Dr. John Biddle, Mr. George Blight, Mr. McMichael, Dr. Ed. Peace, and the host. The invited guests were Mr. Edward Gratz and Mr. James A. Ore.

Conversation on the war occupied the attention of the members.

NOTE: From July, 1861, the dinners of the Club were abandoned until peace was restored.

After the war the reunion of the Farmers' Club took place at Devon, the residence of Mr. George Blight, on Thursday, June 21, 1866, an interval of five years having elapsed.

Notice was given and invitations extended to all the members. The following responded in the affirmative: Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Wilmer Cannell, Dr. John Biddle, Dr. James A. McCrea, Mr. F. Fraley, Mr. S. V. Merrick, Mr. Craig Biddle, and the host. Mr. Charles King, Dr. E. Peace, and Mr. P. R. Freas

replied in the negative. Eight dined together. Mr. McMichael was unavoidably absent, and Gen. R. Patterson was out of town.

The Club not having its complement of members, the meetings of the months of July and August were omitted.

April 25, 1867. The Club dined with Dr. Camac, No. 1305 Locust Street. Present, Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Fraley, Mr. S. V. Merrick, Mr. Craig Biddle, Mr. Wilmer Cannell, Mr. W. H. Drayton, the host, and Secretary Mr. Felton. Absent, Dr. John Biddle, from indisposition, Mr. W. G. Moorhead, not in town. Invited guest, Judge Cadwalader.

Conversation was on the general subjects of the day.

The May meeting of the Club was held at No. 1117 Spruce Street, the residence of Dr. John Biddle. Members present: Mr. McMichael, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Craig Biddle, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. S. V. Merrick, Mr. Cannell, Dr. Camac, Mr. Drayton, host, and Secretary. Gen. R. Patterson absent on an excursion to Virginia. Mr. Felton had gone to the West on railroad business.

The meetings for the coming year were assigned as follows: George Blight, June 13; W. G. Moorhead, July 11; Craig Biddle, August 15; S. V. Merrick, Sept. 12; S. M. Felton, Oct. 10; W. Cannell, Nov. 7; Gen. Patterson, Dec. 12; Mr. McMichael, January; Mr. Drayton, February; Mr. Fraley, March; Dr. Biddle, April; Dr. Camac, May.

The invited guests were Dr. James A. McCrea and Mr. Clifford Phillips.

July 11, 1867. The Club dined with Mr. W. G. Moorhead at his country residence in Montgomery county. The members were all present.

The invited guests were Mr. J. B. Moorhead and Mr. Jay Cooke.

The Club much admired this beautiful place. Its lakes, lawns, fountains, and trees manifest the excellent taste of Mr. Moorhead. One peculiarly marked feature of the meeting was the arrival of the Cheltenham Band, and, after playing many patriotic airs, the President, Mr. McMichael, gave them one of his happy addresses.

Weather clear. Adjourned about 9 P. M.

September 12th, 1867. The Club dined with Mr. S. V. Merrick at Torworth. The members present were Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Cannell, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Craig Biddle, Dr. J. B. Biddle, Dr. Camac, Mr. H. Drayton, the host and Secretary. Mr. S. Felton was absent from home, on an excur-

sion to Virginia. The invited guests were Mr. Samuel Welsh, and Mr. William Merrick. The Club assembled at 3½ p. m., and dined at 4½; the intervening hour was agreeably passed by strolling over the beautiful grounds of Torworth; a new green-house is being constructed. Mr. Merrick showed us many varieties of grapes, both outdoor and those raised under glass, all kept in perfect order. The praises of the Alderney cow, the great favorite of the Club, was sounded. Mr. Moorhead had one, which had yielded fifteen pounds of butter per week. Mr. Drayton has purchased a very superior bull; but as the Club was to dine on the third of October at Andalusia, the great centre of this valuable stock, the discussion was postponed until that period. The Secretary mentioned that he had recently visited the Farm School at Bellefonte, and was pleased to find that great improvements had taken place there during the past year.

Nov. 7, 1867. The Club dined with Mr. W. Cannell. At 2 p. m. they met on board the steamer John A. Warner, and after a pleasant sail arrived at Beechwood at 3½.

The weather being inviting to a walk, they commenced the inspection of the farm and grounds. The garden was carefully prepared in winter by hilling up the earth, to permit the full action of the frost. Mr. Cannell's mode of raising figs was particularly noticed. The trees were planted in a forcing bed, such as is commonly used for early cauliflowers, and grow finely, yielding a large amount of fruit; on the approach of winter they are simply covered with rough boards and hay. If this mode of preservation was generally known, this delicious fruit would be more plentiful in our markets.

The stabling and other out-buildings are admirably arranged, and very spacious.

As we proceeded a fine field of grain next met our view; and then in the distance a large herd of cattle, both very attractive sights to the farmer. This herd is kept for dairy purposes, and is remarkable for its productiveness. Mr. Webster, the farmer, took great pleasure in showing us his fine large pigs; six of them, only thirteen months old, will weigh over four hundredweight; the others were younger, designed to take their place in the great succession.

The special work then going on was the husking of the corn crop. This promised an average yield; the total would exceed eight hundred bushels.

The members were all present.

The invited guests were Mr. Parker, of Mass., Mr. H. P. McKean, Mr. Adolph Borie, Mr. Eugene Dixon, and Mr. John Palmer. A very pleasant feature of our meeting was the presenting of a cup to Miss Gertrude Cannell, the adopted child of the Club, and Mr. Cannell's youngest daughter. This was done at the close of the dinner by the President, in a few appropriate remarks, and responded to by her father (in whose arms she was) in the same style. On the cup there was a simple inscription—"Gertrude Cannell—Presented by the Farmers' Club, November 7, 1867," with the names of the members.

At 9½ we were sent to the New York train, and shortly after 10 p. m. we arrived safely in the city.

January 12, 1871. The Club dined with Mr. McMichael, No. 1841 Spruce Street.

The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. Fraley, Drayton, Moorhead, Biddle, Coleman, Comly, Blight, and the host. Notes were received from the Hon. Asa Packer, Mr. Felton, and Mr. Cannell, explaining the cause of their absence. The wedding of two of the daughters of Mr. Felton was appointed for that day, and therefore he could not leave home. Hon. Asa Packer had lost a nephew, in whom he was much interested, and Mr. Cannell was still detained by indisposition. The invited guests were Messrs. Gillingham Fell, James Milliken, and Walter McMichael, Jr.

The congratulations offered to Gen. R. Patterson upon his having attained his seventy-ninth birthday formed a prominent feature of this meeting. With all respect (standing), and with hearts full of emotion, his health was drunk, to which he responded in a short affecting speech. The joyful events then taking place at Thurlow were recalled, and the health and kind wishes of the Club were extended to Mr. Felton and the wedding party. With Mr. Cannell they sympathized, and directed the Secretary to say how much they regretted his absence, and the cause.

After much conversation on the political condition of the country, the Club adjourned to meet February 2d, at Mr. Hayward Drayton's.

The annual meeting of the Club was held at Andalusia on the 15th of June, 1871. At 10 A. M. they assembled at Arch Street wharf, on board the steamer Edwin Forrest, and after a sail of

one hour and a half we reached our destination. Mr. Biddle, the host, awaited our arrival. For some time we strolled upon the lawn, made so beautiful by the choice selection of trees, and hallowed by so many pleasant associations of the past. The fine herd of Guernseys were there at pasture, adding their full quota to the attraction of the scene. The Club was pleased to see three young heifers growing up to take the place of those who had well performed their part in life. They also considered Mr. Biddle very fortunate in obtaining so promising a young bull from Mr. Swain's stock, now so famous throughout the country.

On our usual tour of inspection we visited the graperies, filled with healthy vines, and the promise of a large yield of fruit. They were kept in most excellent order, as well as the garden adjoining; thence to the stables and barn, all well cared for.

A portion of the Club then visited the herd of Guernseys of Dr. Charles King, some sixteen in number. They are choice animals, showing much care in their breeding and management. They have their origin from the Andalusian herd.

At 3½ P. M. we dined in the library, a cool and pleasant room. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. Morton McMichael, Drayton, Coleman, Blight, and the host. Mr. Fraley was engaged in assisting to lay the corner-stone of the new buildings for the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Felton was still too unwell to join our party. Mr. Moorhead was absent on a tour in the western portion of our country. Mr. Frank Comly had a temporary attack of sickness, and was too prudent to leave home. Hon. Asa Packer was unheard from; Mr. Cannell and Mr. John Welsh were in Europe.

The invited guests were: Chief Justice Thompson, Drs. James A. McCrea, and John Biddle, Mr. W. Wistar, Dr. Elwyn, Mr. Morton Henry. After a social gay dinner, we returned to the city at 7½ P. M. to meet at the Hon. Asa Packer's in the month of July or August, as may be determined.

Sept. 28th. On this day the Club visited the farm of Mr. Frank Comly, at 2 P. M. They assembled at the depot of the North Penn Railroad, where a palace car was in readiness to convey them to Fort Washington. His farm is situated in the beautiful Whitemarsh Valley; the land is of the best quality, which the appearance of the crops and the fine condition of the stock fully attest.

Mr. Comly and his brother Samuel Comly awaited our arrival, and as the days were becoming shorter, we delayed not to make the usual round of inspection. The corn crop particularly attracted our attention. This season he has planted about ten acres; we all judge it of unusual excellence, estimating the yield to exceed one hundred bushels per acre; in fact, some members considered one hundred and twenty-five would be attained. The stocks were very tall, and the ears, in some cases, eight feet from the ground. The far extending meadow was made to delight the eye by the large herd of Alderney cattle and Southdown sheep grazing thereon. Those advocating a mixture of the Guernseys with the Jerseys will find their views admirably carried out in this herd, each animal showing so distinctly the peculiar features of both races. Mr. Comly has now a decided preference for the Guernseys, and is breeding that class alone.

The Southdowns were very fine of their kind, and are becoming a large flock.

The out-buildings are well arranged, and have been remodelled since the purchase of the farm. Several fine horses were comfortably stabled, and ample provision is made for the cattle and sheep.

We dined at 4½ P. M. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. M. McMichael, Fraley, Felton, Biddle, Drayton, Welsh, Blight and the host. The absentees were: Mr. Moorhead, Hon. Asa Packer, and Mr. Dawson Coleman; important engagements prevented these gentlemen from being present. The invited guests were: Mr. Gillingham Fell, Mr. Cabeen, Mr. W. Wistar, and Mr. Samuel Comly. We had a pleasant, gay time with wit, and no one could question the flow of wine, for the excellences of twenty vintages were laid before us; every taste could be gratified; the lover of champagne and the lover of old Maderia, side by side; 9 P. M. called us away from the festive scene. The same palace car took us back to the city.

October 26th. The Club dined this day with Mr. Felton, at 2½ P. M.; they assembled at the railroad depot, Broad Street and Washington Avenue, and after a short ride in a special car provided for them, arrived at Thurlow. The weather was not favorable for a protracted walk; much rain had fallen during the previous night, and the ground was muddy. We, however, made a full examination of the barn and stables. This being a dairy farm, the produce is principally consumed by a large herd of milch

cows, some thirty in number. The keeping up a full flow of milk compels the necessity of frequent change of cows, and the impossibility of being particular as to the breed. Mr. Felton has, however, a Jersey bull, now too young to judge of his merits.

The Club much admired a fine yoke of red working oxen, so invaluable to a farm; also a colt, two years old, of the Hambletonian and Patchen stock.

Mr. Felton made his usual large and admirable display of vegetables; he exhibited a new variety of squash from California, which promises to be of great value for its size and productiveness; his celery fully maintained the fame long acquired for its excellence.

Mr. Welsh brought to the notice of the Club what, at first sight, might have been considered a strange freak of nature—a possibility of a hybrid between the corn and rye. Your Secretary, before exhibiting the specimen to others, gave some reflection to the subject, and his conclusion was, such a thing could not be any more than a union between the walnut and oak. Upon consulting others more learned than himself, his views were fully confirmed. The growth, which resembled the head of rye, was only a peculiarity of the blossom of the corn.

We dined at 4½ P. M. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Drayton, Mr. C. Biddle, Mr. F. Comly, Mr. D. Coleman, Mr. John Welsh, Mr. W. G. Moorhead, Mr. Blight, and the host. Hon. Asa Packer was the only absentee. The invited guests were Mr. Parker, of Mass., Mr. Bent, Mr. Lamborn, Mr. Cummins, and Mr. Sellers. During the fruit course, Gen. Patterson produced four beautiful Dutchess pears, raised in his garden. The conversation was on the general occurrences of the day—numerous defalcations in high posts.

At 10 P. M. we bid farewell to Mr. Felton and his charming home.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1872. The Club met this day at Augustin's, No. 1105 Walnut Street, on the invitation of the Hon. Asa Packer.

The members present: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. McMichael, Fraley, Welsh, Coleman, Drayton, Comly, Biddle, Moorhead, Felton and the host.

The Secretary, Mr. Blight, was absent. This unusual circumstance excited remark and regret; the Hon. Asa Packer said, very happily, "that it was not usual for a set of farmers to complain of the absence of Blight."

Mr. Packer remarked that he had selected this day for his entertainment, as it was the eighty-first birthday of Gen. Patterson.

The invited guests were: Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Jr., Mr. Ed Clark, Mr. H. Parker, Mr. Nathan Trotter, Mr. J. Gillingham Fell, Mr. Gatsmer, Mr. W. W. Longstreth, Mr. Hartshorne, and Mr. F. Gowen. The dinner was served in Augustin's best style, and the wines were of the highest character.

The Steinberger Cabinet was highly appreciated, and thought to be admirably adapted to the taste of the Club.

The anniversary of Gen. Patterson's birth was alluded to in very handsome terms by Mr. Fell, on behalf of the guests, and by the President, on behalf of the Club, and his health was drunk with all honors. After a protracted session, the Club separated, and, as far as heard from, arrived safely at their respective homes.

(Signed) CRAIG BIDDLE,
Secretary pro tem.

January 25, 1872. The Club dined this day with Mr. McMichael. The members were all present, with the exception of the Hon. Asa Packer, who had been called to Buffalo on business of importance. The invited guests were: Mr. Theodore Cuyler, Mr. Sellers, Messrs. Clayton and Walter McMichael.

This was an artistic dinner. Our host determined to do away with the old routine of dining, to deny to the turkey—proud bird of the farm—and to the patient ox, the privilege of performing their part. Science was brought to bear, and the skill of the French cuisinier was severely tested. Success crowned the result. Mr. McMichael is famous for his hock wines, and on this occasion the Club enjoyed his numerous choice brands.

A letter, dated January, Rome, was received from Mr. Wilmer Cannell, stating that his health had greatly improved; that his absence would be prolonged, and that he wished to withdraw from the Club. On motion of Mr. Blight, his resignation was accepted, and the Secretary requested to inform him of the fact.

The prominent subject of conversation was the management of our high school in years past, and the character of those conducting it was severely discussed.

At a late hour we separated, to dine with Mr. W. H. Drayton, on the 21st of February.

February 21, 1872. On the invitation of Mr. W. Heyward Drayton, the Club dined at No. 1307 Walnut Street. We congratulated our host on the presence of all the members, as it is a rare occasion for all to assemble. The invited guests were: Judge Hare, Judge Sharswood, and Mr. Isaac Hazlehurst. The dinner was also honored by the presence of Mrs. Drayton and Mrs. Dawson Coleman. The Club is always ready to welcome the presence of the ladies, and they hope their attendance will become a fixed custom.

Mr. Drayton did not fail to produce a large turkey. He is bound by immemorial usage to do so; the absence of a bird of not less than thirty-two pounds would forfeit his agricultural titles.

To our glass of port was added a Lancasterian cheese, from the extensive dairies of Mr. Dawson Coleman. It was most excellent, as the Club had reason to expect, from the complete establishment we there saw in our visit in May last.

The dinner was very pleasant, and the conversation took a general turn. The subject of trial by jury occupied much of the attention of the Club. Owing to trials recently held, the value of this great bulwark of civil liberty was greatly questioned—whether in the progress of this nineteenth century it had not performed its part.

At a late hour the Club adjourned to dine with Mr. Fraley on the 21st of March.

March 21, 1872. The Club dined this day with Mr. Fraley, No. 2017 West De Lancey Place. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. McMichael, Drayton, Comly, Felton, Biddle, Coleman, Moorhead, Blight, and the host. Those absent were Mr. John Welsh, the sickness of whose son detained him at home, and the Hon. Asa Packer, who was engaged on some railroad expedition. The invited guests were: Judge Jewitt, of Ohio, Mr. Franklin Gowen, Mr. William Sellers, Mr. John C. Cresson, Mr. Joseph Townsend, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Fraley, Jr.

We had a very jolly time. Gen. Grant being in the city, several of the members and guests withdrew to go to an entertainment given to a bridal party, where he would be present.

Adjourned to dine with Mr. Welsh on April 18.

May 20, 1872. It is the pleasure of your Secretary at this time to record our annual excursion to Lebanon. At an early hour, the Club assembled at the depot of the Reading Railroad,

and everything tended to make this trip agreeable. By the liberality of Mr. Franklin Gowen, the President, a private car was provided for our convenience; during the night previous a genial shower had refreshed the earth, and laid the dust, so long accumulating

The ride through the Schuylkill and Lebanon Valleys was much enjoyed, as the rain had given to nature a fresh appearance. The effects of the long drought, however, were plainly perceptible in the growth of the grain and grass. The former was in a very sad condition, in many cases not yielding more than the seed; in others, the farmers were ploughing up the fields to plant them with corn. At 12 M. we reached Lebanon, and before going to Mr. Coleman's house we made an excursion to Cornwall and the Iron Mountain. The route to this passes through the valley; the handsome residence of Mrs. Coleman is seen in the distance, surrounded by a beautiful garden, lawn, and meadow. To a number of our party this was a new sight, and one which interested us all. Within view, a large herd of Holstein cattle were pasturing. This is remarkable for the peculiarity of its color, black and white; the white so placed as to appear like a sheet or blanket over the back. They have not only beauty, but excellence, being fine dairy cattle. We ascended the mountain and took a general view of the country, and upon our descent found a most attractive luncheon at the office; and after the full enjoyment of this, we returned to Lebanon. Before preparing to dine, we took the usual walk of inspection of stock, of the garden, of the dairy and of the farm generally. Upon the lawn we found a large number of Alderney cattle grazing, which added much to the beauty of the scene. The garden was as forward as the dry season would admit; in fact, the growth of vegetables greatly astonished us; the cauliflowers were remarkably fine, and the cucumbers. The house constructed for their growth is admirable, and presented to the eye of a *cucumber fancier* a delicious sight.

Pursuing our walk, we reached the beautiful chapel built by Mrs. Coleman, and not long since completed. In architecture, it may be styled modern Gothic; the interior is neat, and shows good taste in its construction. Regular services are held here. The dairy next attracted our attention. This is very spacious, and adapted to a large number of cows; a fine spring flows around its sides, filled with pans of Jersey milk. The farmer's house, the barn,

and other appropriate buildings surround this spot, and give to it a real Pennsylvania aspect.

Mr. Samuel J. Reeves was unanimously elected a member of the Club. The proper month for holding the meetings was then assigned to each member, and the assignment was the same as heretofore. At 6½ P. M. we dined. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. Fraley, McMichael, Moorhead, Felton, Welsh, Comly, Drayton, Blight, and the host. Mr. Craig Biddle was absent, and the Hon. Asa Packer was detained in the city by duties of the Centennial Convention, now preparing for the celebration of 1876.

The invited guests were: Gen. Van Vliet, Commissary Department of the United States Army, Mr. Franklin Gowen, Mr. William Wister, Mr. Cabeen, Mr. Misch, Mr. Forney, Mr. Wilheim, and the editor of the Lebanon paper. Mrs. Coleman and her sister, Miss Brown, also favored us with their presence. We continued at dinner until a late hour, greatly enjoying ourselves amidst the flow of choice wines.

On Friday morning the sun shone brightly upon us, and all were ready for the excursion to Baldwin—the site selected by Mr. Felton for the erection of large steel works. At 9½ we bid adieu to Mrs. Coleman, and before 11½ A. M. we reached Baldwin. Here two hours or more were very pleasantly spent in going through this large establishment, and the entire process of making steel rails was shown to us.

Before uniting with the train for the city, a fine luncheon was spread for us in the car; and after a pleasant ride through Pequa and Chester Valleys, we returned home by 6 P. M., all much delighted with our trip of two days.

June 20th. The Club dined this day at Spring Bank, the farm and summer residence of Mr. John Welsh, on the township line road, west of Germantown. At 2 P. M. we assembled at the depot, Ninth and Green Streets, and carriages awaited our arrival at Germantown.

Before going to the farm, Mr. Welsh proposed a drive through the northern portion of the Park, including the Wissahickon, as several members had not seen this portion of what is called "the pride of our city." We lingered upon its banks, and much admired the beauty of its scenery. So charming were its attractions, and so interested were the gentlemen, that it was near 5 P. M. before

we reached Spring Bank. The length of this drive unfortunately gave us but little time to view the stock or inspect the crops. We, however, saw a very fine field of potatoes, and one of corn, looking remarkably well, and of great growth, when you consider the long drought which has prevailed in this region.

Mr. Welsh's son Samuel takes much pride in the farm, and manages it well; he has a very large dairy of good milch cows, and disposes of the milk on the place; a young Alderney bull (Jersey) is the only one of improved stock we noticed, and he promises to be a fine animal. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Messrs. McMichael, Fraley, Comly, Drayton, Moorhead, Felton, Coleman, Blight, and the host.

Mr. Samuel I. Reeves dined with us for the first time.

Those absent were Mr. Craig Biddle and Mr. Asa Packer, who were detained at Bethlehem, this being the Commencement Day of the Lehigh University.

The invited guests were: Gen. G. Meade, Messrs. John and Samuel Welsh, Jr., and Mr. Young.

The dinner passed off very jovially. At 9½ we returned to the city.

The October meeting of the Club was held at Thurlow. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Mr. McMichael, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Comly, Judge Packer, Col. Thos. Scott, Mr. Blight, and the host. The invited guests were: Mr. Kinney, Mr. McVeagh, Dr. Cordoza, Mr. Peters, Mr. Brant, and Mr. Spackman.

The weather was all that could be desired, to enable the Club to take its usual walk around the farm, and to examine the barn and stables of Mr. Felton. A large dairy of fifty cows is here kept, to supply Chester with milk. This season Mr. Felton has introduced a steam boiler to do the threshing, to cut up the hay and corn-fodder, and to cook the grain and roots for the stock. The arrangements are most complete, and promise to be successful.

Mr. Felton has three beautiful Jersey cows kept for his immediate use, but the others are good grade cows (Durhams), of large size, and in fine condition. The Club much admired his young Jersey bull, which he had obtained from Mr. Young, of Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The display of vegetables was not as large as usual, the dry season, of one hundred and ten days, greatly interfered to prevent this; however, the corn, wheat, and potatoes were very superior.

We sat down—fifteen—to table, and much hilarity prevailed. Mr. Felton produced a bottle of Maderia wine which he had brought from Cambridge, Mass., and which had been imported by the class of 1802. We drank to the memory of *that class*, and hoped its successors would imitate their example in importing such fine wine. Eight o'clock admonished us that the train awaited our return, and before 9 P. M., in a private car, we reached our homes.

G. BLIGHT,
Secretary.

August 28, 1879. The Club dined this day with Mr. Green, at Easton. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Judge Biddle, Mr. Blight, and the host. Mr. Comly was detained by sickness; Mr. Scott and Mr. John Welsh absent from the country; Mr. Drayton, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Felton, and Mr. Fraley sent apologies, explaining their absence. The invited guests were: Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. Jas. H. Campbell, Judge Jas. P. Brodhead, of St. Louis, Mr. Chas. Brodhead, Judge S. A. Bridges, Professor Copée, Mr. H. T. Reeder, Gen. Frank Reeder, and Dr. R. H. Townsend. At 9:45 A. M. we left the city in a special car. At Bethlehem, several of the guests joined the party, and we reached Easton at 12:30 P. M. Mr. Green awaited our arrival with carriages. The first object of interest we visited was Lafayette College. Its high situation gave us a fine view of the city of Easton and the Lehigh Valley; the grounds of the college are beautifully kept, and were much admired by the Club. We then drove to Mr. McKeen's farm, where we saw his horses, cattle, and poultry, designed for exhibition at the State Fair; the poultry will make a handsome display; thence to the fair grounds, where, annually, the local show is held, and the trial of speed takes place. Mr. Green's residence is situated on one of the hills of Easton, is very spacious, and surrounded by a beautiful lawn and garden filled with choice fruit and vegetables.

At 4 P. M. we dined, and our large party was a jovial one, continuing until we were admonished to take the train.

January 22, 1880. The Club dined this day with Mr. Blight. The members present were: Gen. R. Patterson, Judge Biddle, Mr. Fraley, Mr. F. Comly, Mr. John Welsh, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Duffy, and the host. Mr. Thos. Scott, Mr. Samuel M. Felton, and Hon. Don Cameron were absent from the city, and Judge Green

was detained at home by sickness. It was resolved that the hour of meeting, when held in the city, should be understood to mean 5½ sharp. The invited guests were: Mr. Pemberton Morris, Mr. McMurtrie, Mr. Thos. Dudley, Mr. Robert H. Hare, and Dr. H. M. Howe. After the usual dinner, the Club adjourned to dine with Mr. Drayton, February 19th.

The November meeting of the Club was held at Woodbine, the country seat of Col. Thos. A. Scott. Owing to the absence of Mr. Scott in Europe, two years have elapsed since we have had the pleasure of dining with him. The weather was characteristic of the season, admonishing us of the approach of winter, and making the sight of the blazing wood fire very cheerful. Since 1878 Mr. Scott has made some alterations and improvements to his already beautiful place; the library has been changed and refitted, in the most tasteful measure, and in the present new style of furniture; a large and admirably arranged stable, in the opinion of your Secretary, could well be recommended for imitation.

With the exception of Judge Biddle, the members were all present, and the invited guests were very numerous. Invited guests: Wayne McVeagh, Saml. W. Comly, Geo. B. Roberts, Isaac Hinckley, Edmund Smith, A. J. Cassatt, Frank Thomson, A. Loudon Snowden, Thos. F. Bayard, D. B. Cummins, Judge Paxson, A. J. Drexel, Geo. W. Childs, Hon. Simon Cameron, Col. Wm. B. Fordney, Geo. H. Fisher, Howell W. Bickley, James P. Scott, Judge Sharswood, H. Wood, Wilmot Johnson, and Thos. H. Dudley.

June, 1881. On the invitation of Mr. G. W. Childs, the Club dined at Wooten, his country residence, on the 9th of June. This beautiful place is situated in Montgomery county, near Bryn Mawr. Much taste has been shown in the selection of the site, and the construction of the house; from each window extensive views may be had, and within all imaginable comfort; one of the most stormy days of the season alone interfered to mar our pleasure, but the brilliancy within atoned for the dulness without. The members were all present, with the exception of Mr. S. M. Felton and Mr. Drayton.

June 15, 1881. List of the present members of the Farmers' Club:—Mr. Fred Fraley, No. 2017 De Lancey Place; Hon. John Welsh, No. 1034 Spruce St.; Mr. Heyward Drayton, No. 1012 Spruce St.; Mr. Frank Comly, No. 407 Walnut St.; Mr. Samuel M. Felton, Thurlow, Delaware County, Pa., 1126 Walnut St.

Justice Green, Easton, Pa.; Mr. James Duffy, Marietta, Lancaster County, Pa.; Hon. J. D. Cameron, Harrisburg, Pa.; Judge Biddle, No. 2033 Pine St.; Mr. Geo. Blight, No. 1500 Pine St.; George W. Childs, 2128 Walnut St. (elected July 7, 1881); Mr. George B. Roberts, 1901 Spruce St.

June 15, 1881. The annual meeting of the Club was held at Marietta. On the invitation of Mr. Duffy, we assembled at the depot, 32d and Market Sts., and in an especial train arrived at our destination at 1:30 o'clock. We went immediately to the park, and were there met by many distinguished guests. Fishing-lines were in readiness, and many enjoyed that sport; others, again, took a drive around the extensive domain of our host, and admired his beautiful fields of wheat, tobacco, and clover. On our return, his herd of Jersey cattle were driven into the park, and inspected by the many guests. These cattle possess great beauty and excellence.

At 3½ dinner was served. The weather was clear and bright, just what would be desired for the purpose of dining in the open air, or in a pavilion; the whole affair passed off delightfully, and at 7 P. M. the universal regret was *that the day* had passed into history. We reached the city at 9:30 P. M.

The absentees of the Club were: Messrs. Felton, Welsh, and Fraley.

The invited guests were: Mr. Thos. Dudley, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Dr. Gross, Judge Gordon, Major Bent, Mr. Young, Judge Sterrett, Mr. Bulbek, Mr. Heinstead, Capt. Goodrich, Mr. C. Barr, Mr. Lovejoy, Mr. Cassatt, Judge Paxson, Judge Trunkey, Gen. Cameron, Col. Fordney, Judge Gordon, Senator Bayard, Mr. Barclay, Mr. Boardman, Col. Snowden, Mr. Boyd, Gen. Sherman, Mr. Groome, Mrs. Duffy, and Mrs. J. Don Cameron.

Your Secretary cannot close the minutes of this annual meeting without making some reference to the death of Colonel Thomas A. Scott, who for the past five years had been a member of the Club, and a regular attendant whenever his numerous engagements would permit. His many excellences of character endeared him to all the members of the Club. We deeply deplore his loss.

November 3, 1881. The November meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Wooten, the country seat of Mr. George W. Childs. The members present were: Hon. John Welsh, Judge Biddle, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Heyward Drayton, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. S. M. Felton, Mr. Comly, Mr. Blight, Mr. George B. Roberts, and the host. The absent members were Hon. J. Don Cameron and Justice Green.

The invited guests were: Mr. Walter Burns, of London; Mr. W. Fowler, Member of Parliament, Cambridge; Mr. A. J. Drexel, Hon. Wayne McVeagh, and Col. Loudon Snowden.

The weather was not propitious for seeing this beautiful place. Much rain had fallen during the night, and heavy clouds brooded over us; still no members of the Club could fail to notice how much had been accomplished since we had the pleasure of dining with Mr. Childs in May last. The stable particularly attracted our attention, its many conveniences, its thorough drainage and beautiful finish, were greatly admired. Much taste has been shown in the laying out of the lawn, and the planting of ornamental trees; one bright autumnal November day was all that we needed to make the prospect complete. The vacancy caused by the death of Gen. R. Patterson was filled by the election of Mr. George B. Roberts, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

After a very agreeable dinner, the Club adjourned to dine with Justice Green on the 8th of December next.

April 16, 1882. The Club dined with Mr. Cameron on the 16th. This being the long session of Congress, Mr. Cameron preferred giving dinner in Washington. The private car of Mr. G. B. Roberts was placed at our disposal, and at 12:20 we went to the Capitol with the limited express train. Since the Club had last dined with Mr. Cameron, he has built a large and handsome house in a delightful part of the city. This was thrown open for our reception, and for the many guests who were invited to meet us. The house was universally admired by all for its internal arrangements, and for the great taste Mrs. Cameron has shown in furnishing the various apartments.

The members present were: Hon. John Welsh, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. Frank Comly, Mr. Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. Cameron, and your Secretary.

The absentees were Mr Heyward Drayton and Mr. S. M. Felton.

The invited guests were: Senators Anthony and Sherman, Attorney-General Brewster, Mr. Bent, Mr. McCormack, of Harrisburg, Mr. Halderman, and Mr. John Wister.

In the evening Mr. Cameron gave a reception, and invited a large number of Senators and members of the House, with other distinguished guests, to meet the Farmers' Club of Pa.

Adjourned to dine with Mr. Roberts on the 25th of May, at his place in Montgomery county.

May 25, 1882. The Club dined with Mr. Roberts on the 25th of May. A private car was assigned us on the 4.15 train, and before 5 P.M. we reached Pencoyd, his summer residence. During the night previous, heavy rains had fallen, the weather was cloudy and threatening, and the grounds were too wet to enjoy our usual walk; however, before the close of the day the sun shone brightly, and we were able to have a view of his extended domain, and the beautiful scenery of the surrounding country.

With the exception of Mr. S. M. Felton, the members were all present, and the invited guests were: Mr. Cassatt and Mr. W. Smith. On motion of Mr. J. Don Cameron, it was proposed to elect the thirteenth member, and Mr. Cassatt was nominated to fill that position.

Adjourned to dine with Mr. Duffy, at Marietta, on the 22d of June.

November, 1882. The November meeting of the Club was held at Wootton, the autumn residence of Mr. G. W. Childs. An especial car for our convenience was attached to the 2:15 P. M. train. Dinner was served at 4 o'clock, and the intervening time was spent in examining the improvements and additions made since our last visit. Much has been accomplished since November, 1881. The young trees have much grown, and a verdant lawn has been secured. The weather was all that could be desired to make the place appear to great advantage, and one and all were delighted with the beautiful views which met the eye in all directions.

With the exception of Mr. J. Don Cameron, the members were all present. The invited guests were: Mr. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Thos. Dudley, Mr. Anthony Drexel, Mr. Wayne McVeagh, Mr. Wilmot Johnson, Mr. McKean, Mr. Edmund Smith, Jos. Patterson, and John Cadwalader Snowden. After a delightful dinner, we adjourned to dine with Justice Green on the 31st of December.

December, 1882. The meeting of the Club was held at Augustin's, No. 1105 Walnut Street. Owing to the shortness of the days and inclement season of the year, Justice Green preferred this arrangement to taking the Club to Easton. The members were all present, with the exception of Hon. J. Don Cameron, whose

uties detained him in Washington. The invited guests were: Mr. ayne McVeagh, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. Geo. W. Biddle, Mr. ons, Judge Paxson, Mr. Joseph Patterson, and Mr. W. Rawle.

The Secretary was requested to prepare a copy of the minutes of years by-gone, for publication, to which he acceded, and is now engaged in the work. Mr. George W. Childs most graciously offered to see that the publishing was properly attended to.

After an agreeable dinner, the Club adjourned to dine with the Secretary, on the 11th of January, 1883.

January, 1883. The Club dined with the Secretary on the 11th. Three of the members were obliged to send regrets. On the same evening the daughter of Mr. Cameron was married in Washington. Mr. George B. Roberts and Mr. S. M. Felton were absent from the city on railroad engagements.

The invited guests were: Mr. Thos. Dudley, Prof. Booth, of the Mint, Mr. R. McMurtrie, Mr. Atherton Blight, and Mr. Robert Milligan. The Secretary reported progress in preparing the minutes for publication.

After a pleasant dinner, the Club adjourned to dine with Mr. W. H. Drayton, on the 15th of February.

May, 1883. On the invitation of Mr. Joseph Patterson, the Club dined at Grace Hill, Chestnut Hill, on the 17th. For the past five years this month has been assigned to the Hon. J. Don Cameron; but when Mr. Patterson understood that Mr. Cameron was about to go abroad, he very kindly invited the Club to give him the pleasure of their company at dinner. This was graciously accepted, and the following gentlemen were present: Mr. Fred. Fraley, Hon. John Welsh, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Duffy, Mr. G. W. Childs, and Mr. George Blight. The absentees were: Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. S. M. Felton, and Mr. Frank Comly. The guests invited to meet the Club were: Justice Mercur, Justice Sterrett, Justice Sharswood, Judge Hare, Mr. Henry Welsh, Mr. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Patterson, Jr., and Mr. Sims.

Mr. Patterson's fondness for the country has induced him to make Grace Hill his permanent residence; it is a beautiful place, surrounded by lawns adorned by a choice variety of trees and shrubs. The Club much admired its appearance, and the neatness with which everything is kept. After a most agreeable dinner, the Club returned to the city at 9 P. M.

January, 1884. List of the present members of the FARMERS' CLUB:

Mr. George Blight, No. 1500 Pine Street.
Judge Biddle, No. 2033 Pine Street.
Mr. Fred. Fraley, No. 2017 De Lancey Place.
Mr. S. M. Felton, Thurlow, Delaware County, Penna.
Mr. Frank A. Comly, No. 240 South Third Street.
Mr. W. H. Drayton, No. 1012 Spruce Street.
Hon. John Welsh, No. 1034 Spruce Street.
Mr. James Duffy, Marietta, Lancaster County, Penna.
Justice Green, Easton, Penna.
Hon. J. Donald Cameron, Harrisburg, Penna.
Mr. George W. Childs, Bryn Mawr.
Mr. George B. Roberts, No. 1901 Spruce Street.

These names are arranged as to the time of their election.

The last regular meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at the residence of its Secretary, Mr. George Blight, No. 1500 Pine Street, Philadelphia. The following gentlemen, members of the club and invited guests, were present and enjoyed Mr. Blight's hospitality: Hon. John Welsh, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. Frank A. Comly, Judge Craig Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Robert Milligan, Mr. Gillingham, Mr. Messchart, Mr. Landreth, Mr. McMurtrie, Mr. Reddelion, and the host, Mr. Blight. The topics discussed, which may be classed under the head of "Agricultural," related chiefly to fine cattle, the value of a cream-separator, the damage done by moles and the remedy (the use of salt being warmly advocated), planting trees, making durable roads, and the like. A bountiful and well-served dinner was discussed energetically and satisfactorily by both the agriculturists and their guests. As it so happened that the day was Judge Biddle's birthday, his health was proposed by the President, Mr. Drayton, drunk heartily by all, and responded to by the young jurist referred to, whose age appears to be a sort of club secret or Eleusinian mystery.

Mr. Blight, who was one of the organizers of the Club, and has been for many years its Secretary, has prepared for its members a sort of historical account of its formation and growth. Organized in 1847, it has ever since held monthly meetings, except during the war. The first meeting was held at Devonshire Place, June, 1847. At the time of its formation, the Philadelphia Society

for Promoting Agriculture was composed of very active members, anxious to further the objects of their organization; to do this more effectually, monthly visits to each other's farms were proposed and therefore the Club was considered as an auxiliary to the said Society. Among those who took an active part in its formation were: Mr. David Landreth, Dr. Alfred Elwyn, Mr. James Gowen, Mr. George Blight, Mr. Philip R. Freas, Mr. Owen Sheridan, Mr. James S. Huber, Mr. Algernon S. Roberts, Mr. Charles W. Harrison, Mr. Samuel C. Ford, Mr. Casper Sharples, Mr. Isaac Pearson, Mr. John S. Haines, and Mr. Harry Ingersoll.

The February meeting of the Club was held at No. 1012 Spruce Street. On the invitation of Mr. W. H. Drayton, we assembled at 5:30 P. M., and dinner was served at 6 o'clock.

The only absentees were Mr. James Duffy, who is still absent from home at the Warm Springs, Arkansas; and Mr. George B. Roberts, who, at a late moment, was prevented by a railroad engagement from joining our party; and Mr. J. Don Cameron, still abroad.

The invited guests were: Mr. Wayne MacVeagh, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Richard McMurtrie, and Mr. C. A. Griscom.

After a pleasant dinner we adjourned to dine with Mr. Fred. Fraley, on March 6.

March 6, 1884. The Club met this day at Mr. Fraley's, No. 2017 De Lancey Place. The members present were: Judge Biddle, Mr. Heyward Drayton, Mr. Welsh, Mr. F. A. Comly, Justice Green, Mr. G. W. Childs, and the host. Messrs. Cameron, Roberts, and Duffy were absent from the city, and Mr. Blight was detained at home by illness. As Mr. Robert's new buildings on his farm will not be completed for the May meeting, he authorized Mr. Fraley to propose that the next meeting of the Club should be held at his city residence, No. 1901 Spruce Street, on Thursday, April 3, and it was so agreed to meet on that day.

The invited guests were: Dr. C. J. Stillé, D. B. Cummins, Mr. J. Price Wetherill, Mr. M. H. Messchart, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. W. V. McKean, Mr. Phillip C. Garrett, Mr. Joseph C. Fraley, Mr. D. Pearce, and Mr. Hallowell.

Miss Anne Coleman, daughter of G. Dawson Coleman, and the adopted daughter of the Club, who is now in Florida, sent a box of delicious oranges, which were received on the 5th, in time for the dinner. This remembrance of the Club was duly appreciated, and her health was drunk, with the best wishes for her future happiness.

After a full measure of social enjoyment, and the best of interesting discussions, the Club adjourned.

April, 1884. The Club dined with Mr. George B. Roberts, on the 3d, at his winter residence, No. 1901 Spruce Street. There was a general attendance of the members, Mr. S. M. Felton and Hon. J. Don Cameron being the only absentees.

Mr. Duffy announced the birth of a daughter—the fifth of the adopted daughters of the Club. Great joy and congratulations were expressed. The Secretary was directed to select a handsome silver cup and have the proper inscription engraved upon it.

The invited guests were: Senator Edmunds, Mr. Harding, Mr. John Scott, and Mr. Green of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Dr. Wilson, and Mr. McMurtrie.

The first course of the dinner consisted of delicious trout taken from the pond of Mr. Duffy's beautiful grove, and when the capons were introduced it was discovered that they were raised and admirably prepared for the Farmers' dinner by our member from Lancaster County. They were worthy of the farm and the occasion.

The Hon. J. Don Cameron being still in Europe, it was intimated that Mr. Joseph Patterson would be most happy to have the Club dine with him in May. It was so ordered, and the 8th was selected as the proper day.

The presence of Senator Edmunds added much to the occasion, and after a very pleasant dinner the Club adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

With courteous hospitality Mr. Joseph Patterson opened his beautiful home and spacious grounds at Chestnut Hill to the gentlemen of the Farmers' Club last Thursday. Mr. Patterson, although not a member of the Club, is often welcomed at its monthly gatherings, and for the second time generously assumed the rôle of host as a substitute for Senator Cameron, now in Europe. The dinner hour was at five, the majority of the guests arriving on the four o'clock express from the city. Unfortunately the day was rather a disagreeable one, interfering with the customary exercises of the Farmers, whereby they create or stimulate an appetite for the feast to come with a preliminary stroll through the grounds belonging to their host, and note the condition of field and meadow as a basis for post-prandial discussion. Foliage and turf were alike admired and viewed with pleasure from the spacious piazzas, but the ground was too damp and the drizzling fog too penetrating to render a walk either pleasant or profitable. Instead,

the cheering fires and crackling logs, bright lights, and cosey comforts indoors were regarded as preferable by those present.

The members of the Club and invited guests were: President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; President Wilbur and Vice-President Hartshorne, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; Dr. Lamberton, President of Lehigh University; Justices Green and Paxson, of the Supreme Court; Judge Biddle and ex-Judge Porter, Hon. John Welsh, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Col. Duffy, Mr. J. C. Sims, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. George Blight, Mr. T. C. Patterson, Mr. Drayton, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, and the host, Mr. Joseph Patterson.

Previous to the dinner a business meeting of the Club was held. The proceedings were as secret as those of an executive session of the U. S. Senate, but it was incidentally learned that the merits of Susquehanna salmon and the rotation of dinners were fearlessly and ably discussed by the agricultural members, without, however, reaching a test vote on either subject. A conference committee was asked for on the rotation question, and will probably be granted and appointed at the next meeting.

There is nothing to be said for the dinner. It spoke eloquently for itself, and left the very pleasantest kind of an impression on all who enjoyed the feast it offered. Following the custom of the harvest field, when arduous labors under a broiling sun are temporarily relieved by draughts from a stone jug, the gentlemen farmers were not permitted to forget their early training or present calling. There were "copious draughts"—*possibly* of beverages suited to the haying season—to aid digestion; but the stone jug was replaced by cut-glass and long-necked bottles, and the cider or sweetened water by the choicest juices of the grape. Then cigars —to remind them of the burning brush and rubbish; then early home, as befits a farmer's life.

We left the city at 4 P. M. and dined at 5 o'clock. The weather being cloudy and damp our walk was not extended beyond the garden and stable. Mr. Patterson's fine Guernsey cows were much admired, and the vegetables in the garden were advanced for the season. After a very gay and cheerful dinner we adjourned at 9 P. M. to dine with Mr. Duffy on the 12th of June.

June 12, 1884.—The Club made its annual visit to Marietta on the 12th. At 10 A. M. they assembled at the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and in the new, beautiful car of the

President reached their destination at 12:30, having had a most agreeable ride through the Chester and Pequea Valleys.

The usual drive around the farm was first taken. The crops of our host were greatly admired. The dry weather had much retarded the growth of the corn and tobacco, but the wheat and grass made a fine appearance. Upon our arrival at the park we were met by Mr. Duffy and many of his distinguished guests, and an hour was very pleasantly spent in fishing and in social greetings. During this hour your Secretary had the opportunity of carefully examining Mr. Duffy's beautiful herd of Jersey cattle. There are among them some fine specimens of their class, and they show what admirable care is taken of them by the herdsman.

During the preceding night much rain had fallen; the weather was cloudy and threatening; so under these circumstances Mr. Duffy thought it more prudent to have his dinner served at his elegant house in town. Before 3 P. M. we returned to Marietta.

This being the annual meeting of the Club, an election for President was held. Mr. S. M. Felton was chosen for the ensuing year, but being absent Mr. W. H. Drayton was requested to act on this occasion. The members present were: Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. George B. Roberts, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Blight, and the host. The absentees were: Hon. John Welsh, Mr. S. M. Felton, and Mr. F. A. Comly. The invited guests were numerous, among them Senators Bayard, Anthony, Wade Hampton, and Beck, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, and other members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court of the State, editors of the leading journals, and men distinguished in their callings.

The feature of the dinner was the presentation of a silver cup to Mary Agnes Duffy, the infant daughter of the host, in accordance with immemorial usage. This was done by Mr. W. H. Drayton in a very appropriate speech, causing much merriment and bringing forth merry replies from Senators of the United States, Judges of the Supreme Bench, and other men of renown.

The newspapers of this and the adjoining States have given long articles on this memorable occasion: the one which appeared in the *New York Sun* of June 17, 1884, your Secretary has attached to his minutes of this meeting. After much enjoyment we adjourned to dine with Judge Biddle on the 3d of July.

The train arrived in the city about 9 P. M.

COL. DUFFY'S BABY HONORED.

ORABLE SCENE AT A FARMERS' CLUB DINNER IN MARIETTA, PA.
ited States Senators and Four Candidates for the Presidency Toast-
. Baby—How They Fished in Col. Duffy's Park—The Story of a
: Goblet.

JAMES DUFFY

Requests the pleasure of your company at a Dinner, to be given to the Farmers' Club, at his Park, on Thursday, June 12, 1884, at 3½ o'clock.

An early answer is requested. Marietta, Pa.

Special train leaves Broad Street Station at 10 A. M., returning you to New York at 10 P. M.

invited guest had been reared on a farm. He had fur-
orn and cradled grain in his youth, but had not dined with
r in a quarter of a century. Col. Duffy's invitation was
y accepted. At. 10 A. M. the guest was at the Broad
Station, Philadelphia. George W. Childs, Col. A. L.
n, Joseph Patterson, Frederick Fraley, Judge Biddle, A.
t, Charles E. Pugh, J. N. Dubarry, George De B. Keim,
B. Roberts, Lieut. A. M. Thackara, Clement A. Griscom,
er distinguished agriculturists were already ensconced in a
palace car, the special feature of the special train. It
ar especially adapted to the wants of such agriculturists.
fabled boudoir car hardly surpassed it in beauty. It was
son Square theatre on wheels. The casings and frettings
lid black walnut, and the mounting was beaten brass.
:ks were brazen canoes, and there were brazen panels to
rs. Bright brass cornices were reflected and re-reflected in
with ormolu frames. The tiny chandeliers looked like
ized castles in air. The sofas were covered with figured
e velvet, and the fauteuils, ottomans, rugs, mats, and
were of the same delicate shade of color. The manifold
ences of this palace on wheels were developed as the train
station and headed for Marietta. Then uniformed de-
its of the Queen of Sheba emerged from dainty nooks, with
f the New York daily newspapers. Farmers Biddle, Snow-
d others perused *The Sun*, but Farmer Childs shook his
though wearied of newspapers. Anon the Ethiopes again
d with boxes of cigars and bottles of the purest Mononga-

hela. Farmer Childs picked out a cigar, put it to his nose, and returned it to the box. Few of the farmers smoked, but all paid their respects to the Monongahela. A third time the blacks paraded. Trays of crisp crackers and salvers of old English cheese were placed before the agriculturists, and the cheese and crackers quickly disappeared.

"The attire of the farmers is worth description. Not a hickory shirt nor a cowhide boot was to be seen. Farmer Childs wore a white tile, a diamond stud, patent-leather shoes, and a tight-buttoned Prince Albert coat. There were faintly outlined whiskers on his cheeks. Farmer Griscom wore kid gloves and an English cutaway coat. Farmer Biddle wore a shellacked straw hat and a yellow waistcoat, and Farmer Fraley capped the climax with old-fashioned flap trousers and a pair of steel-framed spectacles. Nearly all were gray-headed, ruddy-cheeked, bright-eyed, and snowy-whiskered. Judging from his conversation, every man was either a schoolmate or a chum of George M. Dallas and James Buchanan. They talked not of the crops nor of the weather. They seemed to be far more interested in the relative value of gold and silver and in the effect of Blaine's nomination on the commercial interests of the country. With the ice thus broken they warmed up to each other, and the conversation eddied on local subjects. A sturdy farmer with a light mustache, said to be the greatest mint cultivator in the Union, was very entertaining in his reminiscences of the Chicago Convention. 'Harry Bingham didn't seem to have much of a following out there,' observed a listener.

" 'There you are mistaken,' was the reply; 'Harry always has a magnificent following—his coat tails.'

"Another group discussed the merits of one Parker, lately returned from Russia. If half of what was said is true, Parker made more of a stir in Muscovy than did Paul Jones a hundred years ago. 'While he was there,' said the speaker, 'as a special mark of distinction, he was allowed to precede everybody except the Czar and Grand Dukes in his entries and exits on State occasions. I have it from his own lips.'

"This interesting information seemed pregnant with humor, for every brotherly farmer within hearing slapped his knees and roared with laughter.

"And thus the morning hours were whiled away. Meantime the train was speeding through a lovely country. The sky threat-

ened rain. There was no sunlight beyond the usual two-cent edition. Broad green meadows, dotted with groves whose leaves had been freshened by morning showers, stretched away to the horizon. Old stone farm-houses, resembling the Chew Mansion, made famous by the battle of Germantown, peeped from passing apple-orchards. Broad barns with red roofs frequently enlivened the landscape, and flowering alders marked the courses of tiny brooks. At times the train rattled through charming valleys dimpled with dells. Rugged iron furnaces aglow with molten metal were squatted under cover of rocky hills, like triple-teethed monsters lurking for prey. It is an old country, rich in cultivation, and as different from New England as Charleston is from Boston. Strings of coal-cars and long lines of freight-cars were met at periodical intervals. At noon the train was skirting the blue Susquehanna. The water was so low that grassy islets covered the shoals below the dams. Across the broad river the spires of churches in Wrightsville pierced the sky. Over a century ago the town fought for the honor of being the capital of the United States, and lost it by one vote.

"Carriages and omnibuses awaited the party at the little town of Marietta, over eighty miles from Philadelphia. A train from Washington freighted with Samuel J. Randall, George F. Edmunds, Thomas F. Bayard, Eugene Hale, George H. Pendleton, Wade Hampton, Angus Cameron, James B. Beck, and other national agriculturists, had preceded the Philadelphia special. A second train had brought in seven-eighths of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, with strongly marked agricultural proclivities. Larry Jerome, Addison H. Cammack, and other ornate farmers from New York City had also dribbled in from various points of the compass. The Philadelphia party and the judiciary were driven to an old mansion embowered in shrubbery, where they were received by Col. Duffy with uncovered head. He urged them not to alight, but to drive on to the park and aid the Washington agriculturists in catching trout for dinner. Owing to the threatening weather, the dinner was to be given at the house, and not at the pavilion in the park as was intended.

"Away rattled the carriages and omnibuses. They climbed the slope leading through the Colonel's famous farm. It contains 765 acres, all under the highest state of cultivation. It is as beautiful a farm as was ever blessed with the beams of the sun. It is as broad

and as bountiful as the hospitality of its owner. Its whitewashed fences inclose great fields of waving wheat, growing corn, and delicate tobacco plants. Solitary red-winged blackbirds were dropping in the wheat fields, and robins were fluttering in the track of the double cultivator of the cornfield. The ploughed soil resembled black snuff in grain and color. Not a stone nor a pebble was to be seen. Men were planting tobacco plants in some of the fields, which wilted half an hour later, like freshly planted cabbage plants. Tobacco is the most remunerative crop to the acre. A farmer from the Supreme Court feared that the Colonel was a little late with his tobacco planting; another was surprised that only bearded wheat was grown; a third expressed his satisfaction over the employment of mules instead of horses; but the conversation did not become general until one Judge asked another whether he had ever drank any wheat whiskey. Then intense interest was manifested. Each Judge recounted his experience with whiskey. All agreed that wheat whiskey was too sweet, and that nothing could surpass the genuine copper-distilled old Monongahela rye. There was lamentation over the uneducated palates of Kentuckians, who prefer Bourbon to all other brands. Lamentation, however, gave place to astonishment when Judge Clark ventured the remark that a dash of Bourbon gave a relish to a glass of Monongahela. 'It was by such injudicious remarks,' whispered a brother Judge, 'that Clark lost the Democratic nomination for Governor two years ago, and a prospective chance for the Presidency. The people here won't stand any tampering with pure Monongahela.'

"A friend of Judge Clark's tried to turn the conversation on red Mediterranean wheat, but the Judge was not fairly extricated until young Don Cameron Duffy began to expatiate on the peculiarities of the Duffy mules. 'They all know the hour for dinner,' he said. 'They break for the stable at the sound of the dinner-bell like workmen in a factory when they hear the whistle at noon. Do you see that big white mule down there?' pointing to a cornfield where a cultivator was in use. 'Well, he heard the bell for dinner the other day, and bolted for the stable with a big plough at his heels, slamming the potato hills right and left and knocking down three lengths of fence. He's a high old mule for a picnic, and there's lots of mules on the Duffy farm now just like him.'

"Here the Judges looked at each other in surprise, and Judge Clark drew a sigh of relief. Don Cameron Duffy licked the omnibus

mules, and the wheels rattled into a little valley where a dozen Jersey and shorthorn cows were grazing. The boy pointed out a Jersey heifer valued at $1000 or more. The cow's yield of milk led to a discussion as to the merits of milk punches where brandy, Jamaica rum, and Santa Cruz form component parts. All the Judges began to talk at once, and Judge Clark was again imperiling his chance for the presidency when a locust grove at the entrance of the park was reached.

" 'Locust-wood makes the best fence-posts of any wood in the world,' Judge Trunkey remarked.

" 'Yes,' responded Judge Clark, inveigled from the dangerous punch discussion; 'it is the hardest wood in the world when seasoned. It will turn the edge of an axe and ruin the teeth of a saw. Locust posts and chestnut rails make fences that last for a century.'

"The park is shaded by magnificent trees. A trout pond fed by pure spring brooks reflects the shadows of the overhanging branches. It is smaller than the Boston frog-pond, but it is far more attractive to national agriculturists. Sam. J. Randall, Wade Hampton, Don Cameron, Senator Cameron, of Wisconsin, George H. Pendleton, Eugene Hale, and other national agriculturists sat beneath a pavilion watching the fishermen on its brink. George F. Edmunds, of Vermont, Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware, and James B. Beck, of Kentucky, were the prominent fishermen. Seth Green and ex-Congressman Robert Barnwell Roosevelt would probably have stood aghast at the spectacle. They were using rods of primitive construction, without reels. A pan of chopped 'lights' stood near them, and a negro in uniform baited their hooks. Bayard, tall and stately, with the conventional white tile on the back of his head, was dragging his bait through the water. A school of large trout was in full pursuit. The pond fairly boiling with dotted beauties, as tame as kittens. They evidently had the utmost confidence in Bayard's good intentions. Alas! he was not the Chevalier *sans peur et sans reproche.* The confidence was sadly betrayed. He waited until the largest trout had taken the bait, and then ruthlessly yanked the fish ashore. A sad-eyed bullfrog watched him from a covert beneath a spring-house. And near Bayard stood George F. Edmunds, with intellectuality outlined in every lineament of his countenance. The spirit that engineered the Electoral Commission was illustrated in every cast. The trout gazed at his benign features, and, like patriotic Democrats, took the bait with-

out hesitation. They were landed with marvelous skill and grace. If a genuine Vermont brook trout could only have seen him then! Beck, however, was not so fortunate. He was chagrined at his lack of luck. He made a careful study of the rig of Edmunds and Bayard, and discovered that they were using shingle nails for sinkers. Then he bawled loudly for a tenpenny nail. It was drawn from a board in the pavilion, and the Kentuckian affixed it to his line with an ecstatic chuckle. The darkey hitched a fresh bait to his hook. He had the usual luck of Kentuckians. A two-pound trout took the nail instead of the cube of lungs, and was drawn to the shore in flopping agony. Beck danced with joy. 'There's a good fish—a devilish good fish!' he shouted; 'that's a buster. What do you think of it? It's bigger than the one Don Cameron caught.' A Kentuckian on a quarter-stretch with the winning horse in view could not have exhibited more signs of pleasure. Near Beck stood Larry Jerome and A. H. Cammack, the champion fishermen of Wall Street. They had no sinkers, and dragged their baits on the surface of the water, catching sprats. Jerome solaced himself by asserting 'that small trout were the best eating'; but Cammack, with a prudence apparently born of experience, was eternally on the *qui vive* for a rise. He met one at last and failed to cover, for he lost his fish.

"By this time the huge market-basket was overflowing. The green sward around it was carpeted with flopping beauties. The fishermen were so alluring and the trout so confiding that the depopulation of the pond was threatened. Col. Duffy's friends became alarmed. By a clever ruse they lured the fishermen from the pond. A magnificent Jersey bull was led to the pavilion. Cammack dropped his rod in alarm, and Jerome, Bayard, Beck and Edmunds followed suit. They gathered about the bull, and their trepidation was quickly turned into admiration. Meantime a servant gathered up their rods and disappeared. Jerome alone was filled with disappointment when he discovered how the fishermen had been outflanked. He had caught naught but small fish, and his *amour propre* was touched. He praised the prudence of his host, but doubted its efficacy. He conferred long and mysteriously with Gen. Wade Hampton. Then he pulled a dozen hairs from the tail of a departing omnibus horse, and the Confederate Rupert braided him a fishing-line. He snooked it to a pin hook, and gave Larry his cane to serve as a pole. The uncle-in-law of England's

future Premier baited it with 'lights', and cast the bait in the water. The large trout recognized him as an inexperienced fisherman, and tore away the bait in derision whenever he tossed the pin into the pond. Jerome maintained his reputation as a fisherman, for he caught nothing. He had evidently never bobbed for eels, for he made no allowance for the fact that the pin was unbarbed. Instead of jerking the fish from the pond the instant the hook was bolted, he endeavored to play it *a la* Chester A. Arthur, and was invariably left. Finally he gave it up in disgust. Then the great Confederate cavalry leader came to the front. He rigged up an old-fashioned horsehair snare, and poked the nose of his cane into the water. A school of trout swarmed around it. At last a huge fellow entered the snare. Hampton made a spasmodic jerk, and the trout sailed away with the snare and cane, utterly oblivious of the wondering agriculturist above him.

"Dinner was served at the Duffy mansion at the appointed hour. Col. Duffy presided, flanked by Senator Cameron and Frank Thomson. W. H. Drayton sat at the foot, flanked by Simon Cameron and Judge Mercur. The guests sat *vis-a-vis* about as follows:—

Lawrence Jerome,	Clement A. Griscom,
J. N. Dubarry,	George B. Roberts,
A. J. Cassatt,	Charles E. Pugh,
Angus Cameron,	W. U. Hensel,
Eugene Hale,	James B. Beck,
Col. A. L. Snowden,	Judge Trunkey,
Judge Green,	Samuel H. Reynolds,
Major Jack Heistand,	Addison H. Cammack,
Judge Sterrett,	George DeB. Keim,
Judge Clark,	Joseph Patterson,
Frederick Fraley,	Col. W. B. Fordney,
Judge Paxson,	George W. Childs,
George H. Pendleton,	Samuel J. Randall,
Wade Hampton,	Charles A. Dana,
Thomas F. Bayard,	Judge Biddle,
Judge Gordon,	George Blight,
Lieut. A. M. Thackara,	A. Bowman,
John Barr,	Wm. A. Patton,
Bernard A. McGrann,	Mr. Wilson,
George F. Edmunds,	Amos J. Cummings.

"The dinner was served by Finelli, of Philadelphia. The *menu* was printed in English, as very few American farmers understand French. It included Little Neck clams, green turtle soup, fried trout, fricassee of chicken capon, roast lamb, supreme of spring

chicken, with truffles, punch, capon turkey, devilled crabs, ice-cream, strawberries, and the usual delicacies. The flow of conversation equalled the flow of wine. The table bubbled with wit and repartee. Senator Edmunds, Gen. Cameron, Thomas F. Bayard, W. U. Hensel, and others spread a halo of sociality around it. The outward world was entirely forgotten, and every guest lived for the moment only. When the cloth was removed W. H. Drayton rapped the guests to attention with a silver fork. He said that the Club was limited to twelve members. Since the last annual banquet Col. Duffy had been made the happy father of a daughter, and in accordance with the usual custom a gold-lined silver goblet would be given to the girl baby, and she would be adopted by the Club. Here the Judge displayed the goblet. It was an imitation of a cask, and inscribed thus:—

Presented to
MARY AGNES DUFFY
By the Farmers' Club.
1884.

Hon. John Welsh,	Mr. Fred. Fraley,
Mr. W. H. Drayton,	Mr. Frank A. Comly,
Mr. Samuel M. Felton,	Mr. George B. Roberts,
Mr. George W. Childs,	Mr. James Duffy,
Justice Green,	Judge Biddle,
Hon. J. Don Cameron,	Mr. George Blight.

SPEED THE PLOUGH.

"Mr. Drayton said that he understood that the baby was within call, and asked that she be produced, so that the presentation might be made in due form. After some delay the baby was brought to the head of the table in the arms of her nurse. She was a tiny brunette, richly attired. Her sparkling black eyes opened in wonderment at the warmth of her reception. She firmly grasped the goblet with her little hand, and chuckled when bumpers were drunk in her honor. Edmunds, Bayard, Randall, Pendleton, Hampton, Hale, Beck, and the three Camerons outvied each other in their attentions. Never was a baby outside of royal lineage so honored. The eyes of her proud father swam with joy. 'Now, gentlemen,' said he, 'if I don't know when to quit speaking, I wish some friend would interfere. You have paid me a great honor in the presentation of this cup, but I feel authorized to say that it is an honor that will never again be sought.' Col. Duffy's speech excited frequent outbursts of merriment. There was a lull in the festivities,

and then the Colonel called on Samuel J. Randall, who extolled the baby and its happy father until tears stood in the Colonel's eyes. Senators Beck, Bayard, Hale, and Edmunds, showered the infant with chaplets of eloquence, and gave way to Gen. Cameron, W. U. Hensel, and Charles A. Dana, who festooned its cradle with oratorical roses, and complimented the Colonel in glowing terms. Senator Beck saw many silver goblets in the future, and looked upon the whole thing as a scheme to advance the price of silver. He advised Senator Hale to join the club, and enter the lists. Mr. Hensel, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic State Committee, called attention to the fact that Col. Duffy is a Democratic candidate for the Legislature from Lancaster County, and aroused great laughter by saying that his election is sure if the Camerons will only rally to his support. [It is old Thad. Steven's county, and never fails to give from 8,000 to 10,000 Republican majority.] Gen. Cameron promised to take care of the baby after the Colonel had paid his campaign expenses.

"Larry Jerome made some facetious remarks, and Col. Duffy arose for the last time. 'I regret to say,' he said, 'that this is the last dinner that I shall give to the Farmers' Club. New responsibilities bring new cares. Mr. George W. Childs has kindly consented to give the future dinners of the club, and after his death Mr. Fraley will fill the gap. When Fraley dies Gen. Simon Cameron has expressed a willingness to carry the good work forward. [Great laughter, and shouts of 'No! no!'] I have no doubt that Mr. Childs will extend you all a cordial invitation next year. His hospitality is as proverbial as his benevolence. May we meet again!'

"The sun shone through the rifts of clouds, and the landscape was flooded with golden light as the guests poured upon the porch. Amid the leavetakings the prattle of the baby could be heard in the nursery above. Ten minutes later three special trains loaded with precious agricultural freight were winging their way to Washington, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia."

The July meeting of the Club was held at Judge Craig Biddle's at Andalusia on the 3d. As for many years past, we assembled on board the steamboat "Columbia" at 2 P. M., and shortly after 3 o'clock were welcomed by our host at the entrance of his domain. The weather was clear and most propitious for a country entertainment; the old homestead never appeared more attractive as we

walked under the shade of the time-honored trees, enjoying the breezes from the river.

The members present were: Hon. John Welsh, Justice Green, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. Blight, and the host. Those absent were: Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. Frank A. Comly, Mr. S. M. Felton, and Mr. George B. Roberts.

Judge Biddle's herd of Guernsey cattle were carefully inspected, and their fine appearance gave great pleasure to the advocates of this valuable herd, especially his young bull, which, for his high qualities and excellent points, was justly admired. Dinner was served at 4 o'clock in the library, after the old-fashioned style.

We lingered over the hospitable board until it was time to take the train. At 7.40 we returned to the city in the New York Express which, by telegraph, was stopped at Borie's Station for our convenience.

The invited guests on this occasion were: Dr. Casper Wister, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Mr. Jesse Smith, Mr. E. H. Fitler, and Mr. James S. Biddle.

August, 1884. The Club dined with the Hon. John Welsh on the 7th of August. They reached Spring Bank by the new road to Chestnut Hill for the first time since its completion, and as they approached the Wissahickon admired the scenery of that romantic stream.

The members present were: Mr. Fred Fraley, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. Hayward Drayton, Mr. G. Blight, and the host; the absentees: Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. S. M. Felton, Mr. F. Comly, and Mr. Duffy.

The invited guests were: Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Thos. H. Dudley, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. C. Somers Smith, Mr. Samuel Welsh, Jr., and Mr. Stokes.

During the night much rain had fallen, which prevented our usual walk around the grounds. These are kept in beautiful order, and were much admired by the Club. At 7.30 adjourned, to dine with Mr. Blight next month, he having exchanged for this year with Mr. Comly.

September, 1884. The Club dined at Devonshire Place on the 4th. Owing to Mr. Blight's absence in Europe and other causes 23 years had elapsed since the occurrence of that event, and the Club congratulated him upon the return to his old home, Devon-

shire Place. The members present were: Hon. J. Don Cameron, Justice Green, Judge C. Biddle, Hon. John Welsh, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. S. M. Felton, Mr. G. W. Childs, and the host. The absentees were: Hon. John Welsh, Mr. Fraley, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. Comly, and Mr. James Duffy. The invited guests were: Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. H. M. Messchart, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. P. R. Freas, and Mr. John E. J. Milligan. The weather was very warm. A short walk around the garden and grounds was all that could be accomplished, Mr. Blight having at present no especial stock to show.

Adjourned, to dine with Mr. S. M. Felton on the 2d of October.

"The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club of this city was held at Devonshire Place, the beautiful residence of George Blight, Esq., on Thursday last. There was a good attendance, though in the midst of the season, when several members were absent. It was here where the first meeting of the Club was held in 1849, thirty-five years ago, which occasion was honored by the presence of the late Hon. John S. Skinner, of Baltimore, a gentleman who was prominent in his advocacy of the agricultural prosperity of the country. Mr. Blight is the only member of the original Club who is still a member, and besides him there are only three others surviving. One of the gentlemen present as a guest was also at the first meeting, and enjoyed his temporary reunion with the Club with all the zest of his earlier days. The interest in intelligent agriculture, which is now so conspicuously shown by prominent citizens of wealth and position, exercises an influence on progressive agriculture that is felt and acknowledged throughout the Republic. Mr. Blight has been an active worker for many years in promoting this, the most important branch of the country's industry, and is now Chairman of the Executive Committee, having the management of the State Fair, which opened on Monday for a two weeks' Exhibition, and which will prove the greatest and most successful ever held in Pennsylvania."

The October meeting of the Club was held at Thurlow on the 2d. On the invitation of Mr. S. M. Felton we assembled at the Broad Street Station at 3 P. M. Those present were: Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, and Mr. George Blight. Those whose engagements prevented them from joining us were: Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. Comly, Mr. Fraley, Hon. John Welsh, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Mr. James Duffy, who was too unwell.

The invited guests were: Mr. D. B. Cummins, Mr. Wayne MacVeagh Mr. Bent and Mr. Peters.

Mr. Peters, Mr. Felton's son-in-law, has now the charge of the farm, and is raising a fine herd of Jersey cattle. Some twenty head were shown, of various ages. Notwithstanding the great drought which had prevailed for the past month, Mr. Felton made the usual display of cereals and vegetables, which were much admired by the Club. During the previous night rain had fallen, and the weather was cloudy and uncertain, but in no manner interfered with the pleasure of the Club.

Adjourned at 8 o'clock, to dine with Mr. Childs on Mr. John Welsh's birthday, in November.

"The dinner of the Farmers' Club at Wootton was a small but notable gathering of distinguished sons of Pennsylvania, with a sprinkling of guests from elsewhere. Seated around the Club's hospitable board were: Hon. John Welsh, Judge Biddle, Frank A. Comly, James Duffy, George B. Roberts, Hon. J. Donald Cameron, George Blight, Fred. Fraley, W. H. Drayton, S. M. Felton, A. J. Drexel, Rudulph Ellis, Joseph Patterson, A. J. Cassatt, Wayne MacVeagh, Samuel J. Randall, Edmund Smith, Frank Thomson, Hon. Simon Cameron, Colonel A. Louden Snowden, Thomas H. Dudley, and D. O. Mills and R. Lenox Kennedy, of New York.

"General Cameron, who is 85, made a speech toasting Mr. Welsh, who enters his 80th year this week. Speeches were made by ex-Attorney-General Wayne MacVeagh, D. O. Mills, and others."

Mr. Childs met us at the Filbert Street Station at 2.24 P. M., and upon our arrival at his beautiful country seat took great pleasure in showing us what had been accomplished since our last annual visit. The various structures needed on the farm, such as the barn and stabling, the dairy and green-houses, have all been completed, and show much taste and judgment in their arrangement, and how well adapted they are for their respective purposes. The dairy especially attracted the attention of the Club. They admired its construction and solidity.

Since our last visit Mr. Childs has added to his herd two very fine Jersey cows, which are in strict keeping with the many other beautiful things to be seen at Wootton.

The lawn of sixty acres has now attained a perfect green sod, and the ornamental trees have grown finely; in fact, little is left to be done to make Wootton perfect in beauty.

exception of Justice Green, the members were all
official engagements detaining him at Pittsburg.
ry delightful dinner we adjourned, to dine with Justice
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at Augustin's being engaged on the 4th, the date was
he 11th.
11, 1884.—The Club met on the invitation of Justice
ugustin's, 1105 Walnut Street. Present: Messrs.
y, Biddle, Felton, Roberts, Childs, Duffy, Drayton,
, Justice Green.
lent, Mr. Felton, in the chair. In the absence of Mr.
Drayton acted as Secretary. The absentees were Mr.
was prevented by indisposition from attending, and
ly and Cameron.
usiness transacted was deciding that the next meeting
should be held at Mr. Drayton's, 1012 Spruce Street,
, January 8, 1885.
were Justice Paxson, Judge Reeder, Colonel McClure
udley, Mr. Joseph Patterson, and Mr. Samuel J. Rey-
Lancaster Bar.
r was served in Augustin's best style. The guests
bly well arranged at table for social chat. Justice
most genial host, and the dinner was enjoyed, with no
ncident except that Mr. Reynolds promised to send the
rime Susquehanna shad for the April dinner to whom-
be the host on that occasion. The Secretary having left
guests at table cannot record the hour of adjournment.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary.

885.—The Club dined with Mr. Drayton on the 8th,
ce Street. The members present were the Hon. John
e Green, Mr. Frederick Fraley, Mr. Frank A. Comly,
Childs, Mr. Duffy, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Judge Biddle,
nd the host.
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erson, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morton P. Henry and
ton.
ng to dinner Mr. Drayton introduced to us one of the
iters of the Club (Mr. G. Dawson Coleman's daugh-

ter, now about ten years of age). The dinner passed off pleasantly, and we adjourned to dine with Mr. Cameron in February.

February, 1885.—The Club dined with Mr. Fraley on the 26th. This day had been assigned to Mr. Cameron, but as he had been advised to take a southern trip he exchanged months with Mr. Fraley. The members present were the Hon. John Welsh, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Duffy, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. Blight, and the host.

The invited guests were Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Coleman Sellers, Mr. John Price Wetherill, Mr. W. V. McKean, Mr. Fraley, Jr., and Mr. Pierce.

We tarried long at the hospitable board of our host and regretted the hour admonished us to leave.

March, 1885.—The Hon. J. Don Cameron entertained the Club in Washington on the 5th. Following the day of the inauguration of President Cleveland many of the members, fearing they could not be accommodated, sent regrets. For some time previously Senator Cameron was obliged to go to Florida for his health, and accidentally omitted to make hotel provision for the Club.

The members present were Mr. Comly, Mr. James Duffy, and the host. Among the invited guests were Ex-President Arthur and Senator Bayard.

May, 1885.—The May meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Pencoyd, the summer residence of Mr. G. B. Roberts. Since the Club had the pleasure of dining here with our host, he has greatly enlarged his house and beautified the grounds. The additions to the old mansion are in such good taste that the whole harmonizes and makes a very desirable residence. The Club assembled at the Filbert Street Depot at 3.35, and took the train for Bala Station on the Norristown Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The weather was delightful, making our coats comfortable. The members present were Mr. John Welsh, Mr. Fred Fraley, Mr. F. A. Comly, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. James Duffy, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. George Blight, and the host.

Among the invited guests were Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. H. H. Houston, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Williams, and Senator Sewell from New Jersey. We returned to the city at 8.20.

Mr. Joseph Patterson entertained the Club on the 11th of June at his beautiful country seat—Chestnut Hill. We went out by the

Randall, Col. W. B. Fordney, Mr. Amos J. Cummings, Mr. S. H. Reynolds, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Amos Bowman, Mr. George Mehaffy, Gen. Simon Cameron, Mr. John S. Wilson, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. Geo. B. Roberts, Mr. Frank A. Comly, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. John Barr, Mr. Redwood Wright, Mr. Joseph B. Townsend, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Hon. John Heistand, Mr. George Philler, Mr. Joseph E. Pennock, Mr. Parris Haldeman, Mr. George Blight, and the host.

Delightful breezes prevailed during the dinner, and with regret we left the shady pavilion to return to the city.

The members of the Club who were absent were Hon. John Welsh, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Judge Biddle.

1885.—The July meeting of the Club was held on the 23d at Andalusia. At 2 o'clock we assembled on the steamboat "Columbia," Chestnut Street wharf. The weather was warm; the prevailing drought was the subject of conversation; none, at this season of the year, could recall such a protracted one. Corn and potatoes were suffering much, and scarcely more than half a crop was anticipated. Shortly after 3 o'clock our host welcomed our arrival, as he is wont to do, at the entrance of the lawn, where his beautiful herd of Guernsey cattle were at pasture. These justly attracted the attention of the Club, admired for their milking properties; the bull is a fine animal and worthy of being at the head of such a herd.

We dined at 4 o'clock; the members present were Hon. John Welsh, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. Frank A. Comly, Justice Green, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. Blight, and the host. The absentees were Mr. S. M. Felton, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Mr. G. W. Childs, who was absent on account of the death of Gen. Grant, for whom he was one of the pall-bearers.

The invited guests were Mr. Richard McMurtrie, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Dr. Caspar Wister, Mr. James S. Biddle, Mr. Charles Biddle, and Mr. Thomas. After a most agreeable dinner, and the full enjoyment of the old home at Andalusia, we returned to the city at 7 P. M.

August, 1885.—The August meeting of the Club was held on the 20th at Spring Bank, the summer residence of Mr. John Welsh. At 2.25 P. M. we took the train from Broad Street and shortly after 3 o'clock were welcomed by our host. The beautifully kept lawn, the garden, and the scenery of the surrounding region were

nuch admired, as well as the large herd of Jersey cattle at pasture ɔelonging to his son, Mr. Samuel Welsh, Jr.

The weather was clear, and for the midst of summer very cool. The members present were Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Fred Fraley, Mr. F. A. Comly, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. George Blight, and the host, and Mr. Duffy. The absentees were Justice Green, at the White Sulphur Springs, Va., Mr. S. M. Felton, at Seagirt, and Hon. J. Don Cameron.

The invited guests were Mr. T. H. Dudley, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Edward Patterson, of New York, Rev. Dr. Nevin, of Rome, Dr. W. R. Dunton, Germantown, Mr. J. Somers Smith, Dr. Geo. Strawbridge, and Mr. T. P. C. Stokes.

The day was very pleasantly passed and at 7.30 we adjourned to meet at Valley Green on the 24th of September.

September.—The Club dined with Mr. Comly on the 24th. At 2 P. M. we assembled at the depot at Ninth and Green Streets, and in the car of the President of the Reading Railroad we soon reached Fort Washington. The weather was delightful—a perfect autumn day. On the approach to Valley Green Farm, we admired the beauty of the meadow and the Guernsey cattle at pasture. These were carefully inspected, and their merits fully commented upon. They were approved of by the Club. The members present were Mr. Fraley, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. Blight, and the host. The absentees: Mr. James Duffy, Mr. S. M. Felton, and Hon. J. Don Cameron. The invited guests: Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. George DeB. Keim, president of the Reading Railroad, Mr. Henry Lewis, Mr. E. C. Knight, Mr. W. Robert Wister, Dr. G. Strawbridge, Mr. John D. Wise, and Mr. F. A. Comly, Jr.

We dined at 4 P. M. Great praises were bestowed upon the reed birds, which were fine, and remarkably well cooked. Mr. Comly did not fail to bring out several samples of his fine old Madeira wine, which were appreciated by the Club. At 8 P. M. we returned to the city, having greatly enjoyed the day.

October, 1885.—The Club dined with Mr. Felton on the 22d. To the 3 P. M. train a special car was attached, and soon we reached Thurlow. Mr. Felton, and many of his friends, awaited our arrival. Mr. Richard Peters, his son-in-law, has now the general supervision and direction of the place. The appearance of the farm showed care and management. Our attention was first called

to a grand display of vegetables, and all the other products of a well-regulated farm, after which a large herd of Jersey cattle were carefully examined. They were very uniform in color, and made a fine appearance. The members present were the Hon. John Welsh, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. James Duffy, Judge Biddle, Mr. Felton, and the secretary, Mr. Blight. The absentees were Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Mr. F. A. Comly. The invited guests were Mr. Dudley, Mr. D. B. Cummins, Major Bent, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Felton, Jr.

The weather was delightful—all that could be desired to make a visit to the country desirable. We dined at 4.30, and after a pleasant dinner, returned to the city at 8 P. M., December 17.

The November meeting of the Club was held on the 19th at Wootton, the summer residence of Mr. George W. Childs. At 2.15 P. M. a special train was provided for the convenience of the Club and invited guests, and soon after 3 o'clock we reached Bryn Mawr, the station used by Mr. Childs.

Each annual visit to Wootton reveals some new improvement. This year the beautiful structure adapted to the dairy was completed. It is admirably arranged, and met with the praises of the entire Club. The complete drainage of all the grounds has been consummated. The Jersey cows—beautiful animals—were comfortably stabled. They showed that good care had been bestowed upon them.

To the greenhouses, Mr. Childs is now making large additions, which forms this year's chief improvement.

The grounds are in fine order. The young trees are growing up nicely. Many of these trees have been planted by his friends—commemorative of their visit to Wootton. On this occasion there were added one by Mr. Morgan, of London; one by Mr. Depew, President of the New York Central Railroad; and the other by Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The weather was not one of November's finest days. Easterly winds prevailed, and before night it rained.

The members present were Hon. John Welsh, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Frank A. Comly, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. George Blight, and the host. The absentees were Mr. S. M. Felton and Hon. J. D. Cameron.

It was Mr. George W. Child's turn to entertain the Farmers' Club, and he did it in his accustomed genial and generous way. The dinner was superb and served in a splendid manner at Wootton,

his country seat. It was a very notable array of guests, and the occasion derived special interest from the circumstance that there were gentlemen present who have been radically antagonistic about some important public matters, who have settled their differences sufficiently to meet in the most cordial and fraternal manner. The guests were Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, President of New York Central Railroad; Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, its Vice-President; President George B. Roberts, and Vice-President Frank Thomson, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Mr. Robert Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; Senator J. Donald Cameron, Mr. Samuel J. Randall, Judge Butler, of the United States Court; Justice Green, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; Mr. J. S. Morgan, the London banker; Mr. J. Pierrepont Morgan, banker, of New York; Mr. Jacob C. Rogers, banker, of Boston; Mr. A. J. Drexel, Ex-Minister John Welsh, Ex-Attorney-General Wayne MacVeagh, Judge Biddle, Mr. Joseph Patterson, President of the Western Bank; Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Thomas H. Dudley, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. F. A. Comly, Mr. Frederick Fraley, and Mr. George Blight. Several of the gentlemen planted trees, and Mr. MacVeagh, in one of his happy speeches, suggested that as they were all farmers and interested in arboriculture, he would be very glad to have them visit his place and pull up some stumps.

The Club dined at Augustin's on the 19th of December, on the invitation of Justice Green. We assembled at 5.30 P. M., and dinner was served at 6 o'clock. There was a very large attendance, the Hon. J. Don Cameron being the only absentee.

The invited guests were Ex-Governor Hoyt, Mr. Thomas H. Dudley, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. Wilbur, and Col. McClure. The dinner was gay and pleasant. It was near 10 o'clock when we adjourned.

1886.—The Club dined with Mr. Blight on the 14th. He was fortunate in securing a large attendance of members, Mr. Felton being the only absentee. The invited guests were Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Thomas H. Dudley, Mr. Richard McMurtrie, Mr. M. H. Messchart, of Douglassville, Berks County. The usual gayety prevailed. At 9 P. M. we adjourned to dine with Mr. Drayton on the 18th of February.

On the 23rd of January, Mr. Thos. H. Dudley, now occupying No. 1724 Spruce Street, gave the Club a very handsome enter-

tainment; with the exception of the Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. John Welsh, Mr. S. M. Felton, Mr. Duffy, the members were present.

The invited guests were Dr. Pepper, Provost of the University, Prof. George Cook, New Jersey, Judge Nixon, Trenton, N. J., Mr. McClure, of the "Times," Mr. Bement, Mr. Bullitt, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Dudley, Jr., Mr. Scott, of the Penna. Railroad. We dined at 6 o'clock and greatly enjoyed the occasion.

February, 1886.—The Club dined with Mr. Drayton on the 18th.

The members present were John Welsh, Mr. Comly, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Childs, Mr. Blight, and the host.

The absentees were Mr. Felton, Mr. Duffy, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Justice Green.

The invited guests were Mr. Thos. H. Dudley, Mr. Jos. Patterson, Mr. C. J. Stillé, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Hayward Drayton, Jr., and Mr. Henry Drayton.

The daughter of the late Dawson Coleman, and one of the adopted daughters of the Club, made her usual visit, and was gladly received by the old friends of her father.

After a most delightful meeting the Club adjourned to dine with Mr. Fraley on the 18th of March.

The March meeting of the Club was held at 2017 De Lancey Place, on the invitation of Mr. Fraley, and assembled at 6 P. M., and dined at 6½ o'clock.

The members present were Hon. John Welsh, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Comly, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. Drayton, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Blight, and the host. The absentees were Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Mr. S. M. Felton.

The invited guests were Mr. Dudley, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Messchart, Mr. Fraley, Jr., Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Pierce.

The meeting was jovial. At 10 o'clock ajourned to dine with Mr. Cameron.

The Club dined with Mr. Roberts on the 19th of May. At 3.36 we took the train for Bala Station, and in a few minutes reached Pencoyd, the country seat of Mr. Roberts. This homestead has been in the family for many generations, the deed having been given by William Penn. The weather was fine and everything was in beautiful order. We took the usual walk around the place, admiring the fine views. A beautiful Jersey heifer attracted the attention of the Club, and was highly approved.

The members present were Mr. Fraley, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. Blight, and the host. The absentees were Mr. Samuel M. Felton and Mr. Comly.

The invited guests were Hon. Simon Cameron, Mr. Isaac Hazlehurst, Mr. Wistar Morris, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Valentine, Mr. Shortridge, Mr. Williams.

Dinner was served at 5 o'clock, and before 8 we returned to the city.

At a meeting held May 19, 1886, the Secretary officially announced the death of the Hon. John Welsh, President of the present year, which took place April 10, 1886, in the 81st year of his age.

Whereupon it was ordered that the following record be entered on the Minutes:—

It is with great regret that the Club records the death of the Hon. John Welsh, who, for many years, was one of its most honored and cherished members.

The virtues and graces of his character, which shone so conspicuously in his public and private career, were fully shared in and realized by the Club.

After a long, useful, and honorable life, illustrated by noble deeds of charity, philanthropy, and public services, he has been removed from this world by death, which was met while in the possession of all his faculties and which freed him from earthly ties full of good-will to his fellow-men and of the hope of a blissful eternity.

May 26, 1886.

MY DEAR BLIGHT:—

I send above a draft of my record in memory of Mr. Welsh for the minutes of the Club, which, I hope, may have your approval.

Ever truly yours,

FRED FRALEY.

The June meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on the 17th at Marietta, Lancaster Co. At 10 A. M., in company with many invited guests, we left the Filbert Street Station in the private car of the President, and by 12.30 P. M., we were enjoying the hearty

welcome of our friends at Mr. Duffy's Park. At the hour of departure the weather was doubtful, and before reaching Lancaster City we had heavy showers; these continued with intervals of sunshine during the day, but did not interfere with the hilarity of the occasion or the brilliancy of the speeches. We were, however, obliged to give up the pleasure of the drive around the broad domains of our host, nor were we able to see his fine fields of wheat or his beautiful herd of Jersey cattle.

The glimpse your Secretary got of them on the way back to the train gave him pleasure, and assured him of the constant improvement of this herd.

The members present were Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. F. A. Comly, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. George Blight, and the host.

Being the annual meeting, President for the ensuing year was announced. Mr. Frank A. Comly being next in order the honor fell upon him. Two nominations were made to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. John Welsh, Mr. Wilbur, of Bethlehem, and Mr. Fell, of Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County—the election to take place at the meeting of July.

The large assemblage of guests (50) was of general interest, and the daily press gives us full accounts of the speeches, which are appended to these minutes.

On our return we took the train at 6 P. M., and reached Philadelphia at 8.20, having had a very delightful day.

List of members of the Farmers' Club, July 15, 1886, arranged in order of election:—

George Blight, one of the original members, August.
Frederick Fraley, March.
Craig Biddle, July.
W. H. Drayton, February.
Frank A. Comly, September.
J. Don Cameron, January.
G. W. Childs, October.
Justice Green, December.
James Duffy, June.
George B. Roberts, May.
E. P. Wilbur, November.
John R. Fell, April.

A DAY AT DUFFY'S PARK

THE JUNE MEETING OF THE FARMERS' CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA

Some Account of the Origin of this Famous and Influential Agricultural Association—Bankers and Politicians, Statesmen and Warriors—Ladies Grace the Occasion.

"MARIETTA, June 18.—There is a current popular delusion that the Farmers' Club of Pennsylvania, which had its origin and has always had most of its members in Philadelphia, was originally conceived for social rather than scientific purposes. This is not the case. As developed at the June meeting in Col. Duffy's Park, near here, yesterday, in interviews with the sole survivor of the original members, and as disclosed in some of the speeches of the day, it appears that the Club was founded in 1847 by a few gentlemen residents of the suburbs of Philadelphia who had fine estates, which they tilled, and who sought each other's society for examination of the different modes of farming, stock-raising, and other branches of husbandry. They agreed to meet on Thursday of each full moon, so that if the hospitality of the occasion was extended and the hour for the leave-taking postponed until late they would have the advantage of the moonlight for the return journey. In midwinter the impassable roads made it inconvenient for the visitations in the suburbs, and a few city folk were taken into the club, who, though farmers, did not confine themselves to the cultivation of the soil. Of the older members, George Blight only survives; and he was at the last June meeting. Associated with him nearly forty years ago were Philip R. Freas, late editor of the Germantown 'Telegraph,' deceased; Dr. Alfred Elwyn, Gen. S. Roberts, John S. Haines, and Harry Ingersoll. With the advent of the late Gen. Robert Patterson and Morton McMichael conviviality became a still more distinguishing feature of the organization, and its membership was finally fixed at twelve. In case of a vacancy the successor is chosen by a unanimous vote of the survivors, the names being proposed at one meeting, discussed in the meantime, and the selection agreed upon at the next. To each member is assigned a particular month for his entertainment, but while the filling of a vacancy is pending, any member can exchange for his own the month that belonged to the deceased, resigned, or retired member.

"Since the last June meeting, John Welsh, ex-minister to England, has died, and his successor has not been chosen. Of the other members Judge Craig Biddle, of the Philadelphia Common Pleas

Court, Hon. Fred. Fraley, and S. H. Felton were not present yesterday. The remaining members held a business meeting, attended by Justice Henry Green, of the State Supreme Court; Frank A. Comly, President of the North Penn Railroad, and this year President of the Farmers' Club; William Heyward Drayton, Geo. W. Childs, of the 'Ledger'; George Blight, Senator Don Cameron, George B. Roberts, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Col. James Duffy. The Presidency of the Club rotates annually among the members.

A FITFUL DAY

"Col. Duffy did not have the entirely serene weather for his entertainment which is supposed to be desirable for a dinner in the woods, but his park is so admirably equipped with every comfort and convenience that, occasionally, when a shower of rain fell, the pavilions and bowers afforded ample shelter; and the blazing fires which a corps of cooks and attendants kept up were given all the more picturesque appearance by the lowering clouds. At very frequent intervals, and steadily during a large part of the day, the sun beamed out upon the scene, and the aspect of the sky seemed only to fitly change with the spirit of the discourse, from grave to gay, from lively to severe. Col. W. B. Fordney, B. J. McGrann, S. H. Reynolds, and W. U. Hensel came up from Lancaster early in the morning; Mr. Leonard Jerome, the well-known New York broker, and father-in-law of Sir Randolph Churchill; his brother, Larry Jerome, the famous wit and *bon vivant*, radiant centre of every social circle that he enters; Wm. Woodward, Jr., host of President Cleveland on his recent visit to the Chesapeake waters, and Jordan L. Mott, both prominent business men of New York, had come to Marietta the night before. These gentlemen, the ladies of Col. Duffy's family, Lt. A. M. Thackara, Mrs. Thackara, and her sister, Miss Rachel Sherman, daughters of Gen. W. T. Sherman, breakfasted in the park at 10 A. M., and from that hour until 3 P. M., the time of the dinner, the guests continued to arrive.

A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY

"When dinner was announced, President Comly sat at one end of the table and Colonel Duffy at the other. A special train from Washington had brought over a large senatorial party, and on another from Philadelphia came the representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and other prominent gentlemen of that

city; so ranged that along the table were not only all those before mentioned as present, but, in addition, Chief Justice Mercur and Justices Paxson and Sterrett, of the Supreme Court; A. J. Cassatt, Charles E. Pugh, J. S. Wilson, W. A. Patton, R. D. Barclay, and J. N. DuBarry, of the P. R. R., Joseph Patterson, President of the Western National Bank; Rudulph Ellis, Hon. Daniel M. Fox, Director of the Philadelphia Mint; Harry Oliver, of Pittsburgh; Hon. John A. Hiestand, Representative of this district in Congress; George F. Stibgen and George W. Mehaffey, of Marietta; Paul Dana of the New York 'Sun'; Senators Beck and Blackburn, of Kentucky; Vest, of Missouri; Hale, of Maine; Sewell, of New Jersey; Allison, of Iowa; Plumb, of Kansas; Manderson, of Nebraska; Mahone, of Virginia; Edwards, of Vermont; General Simon Cameron, who had driven over from his Donegal farms; James Young, the great farmer, of Middletown, and E. P. Wilbur, President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

"The dinner was served by Finelli, the Philadelphia caterer, and it was an exquisite one. Little-neck clams, green turtle, salmon, deviled crabs, filet of beef, asparagus, sweet-breads, capon, salads, strawberries, and ice-cream were some of the triumphs of the art of cuisine. The service was excellent and the wines of the best vintage. Over brimming glasses, and while wreaths of smoke curled up gracefully from the table, the speeches came on. They were unusually bright—witty, serious, earnest, pathetic, and humorous by turn. Senator Edmunds led off, called Colonel Duffy to his feet when he sat down, and had the baby of the Club, little Mary Duffy, introduced to the table. She courteously threw a kiss to the stately Green Mountain Senator, and if anybody ever thought he was an icicle they ought to have seen how easily he was melted even on a cloudy day. Judge Mercur, W. U. Hensel, Senators Vest, Allison, Beck, and Blackburn; General Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh, Senators Plumb, Mahone, and Manderson were among the speakers; while Senator Hale and Larry Jerome took advantage of their opportunities to make as many speeches as the rest of the company. It was throughout a most delightful day; and everybody agreed that George W. Childs is the real candidate of the Farmers' Club for President of the United States, and that the supreme success of the last June meeting of the Club was largely due to the fact that for once in forty years ladies graced the board with their presence and stayed from the turtle to the coffee.

A NARROW ESCAPE

FORTY PERSONS FALL FROM A BRIDGE AT MARIETTA INTO THE CANAL

"MARIETTA, Pa., June 18.—Last evening a crowd gathered at the depot to witness the departure of the distinguished guests of Colonel Duffy's dinner, by special trains. A flat-boat was being removed from the canal to the river, opposite the railroad station. In the attempt the boat knocked out the abutment of a bridge upon which were standing forty or fifty persons, watching persons below. The bridge fell about ten feet, throwing the people into the canal and on the towpath. Several were injured, but none seriously. During the excitement one boy was almost drowned. He was caught by the hair just in time to save him from a watery grave."

July 15, 1886.—The Club dined with Judge Biddle on the 15th, at 2 P. M.; the steamer Columbia lay quietly at her wharf unconscious of the honor she was about to have "to convey the Farmers' Club to the attractive shores of Andalusia." The weather was delightful, and the sail up the river much enjoyed. Our host welcomed our arrival at the entrance of the lawn, and all were glad to be once more upon this historic spot.

We took the usual walk, and examined the fine herd of Guernsey cattle; all the members of the Club were present. The resignation of Mr. S. M. Felton was received with regret that his health had impelled him to withdraw; your Secretary wrote to him to that effect. There being two vacancies an election was held to fill them. Mr. E. P. Wilbur and Mr. John R. Fell were duly elected, and so notified by the Secretary. After a most social dinner the Club returned to the city at 7.15.

The invited guests were Dr. Caspar Wister, Capt. James S. Biddle, Hon. Simon Cameron, Mr. Thos. A. Dudley.

August, 1886.—The Club dined with the Secretary on the 12th at Devonshire. With the exception of the Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. Fraley, and Mr. Duffy, the members were all present. Mr. E. P. Wilbur and Mr. John R. Fell were introduced and received as members of the Club.

The invited guests were Mr. Edward Ingersoll and Mr. Messchart. The regular meetings for the year were then arranged for.

The Secretary reported that he had ordered the cup, in honor of Miss Martha Cameron, daughter of Hon. J. Don Cameron, United States Senator, but regretted it was not ready for inspection.

It is a beautiful piece of workmanship, and will be presented when the Club has the pleasure of dining with her father in January next. At present Mr. Blight has no fine cattle to attract the attention of the Club. The weather was delightful, and although we were in the midst of the warm season, it was the general observation, "What a delightful summer we are having!"

After a social dinner we adjourned to dine with Mr. Comly on the 16th of September.

1886.—The September meeting of the Club was held at Valley Green Farm on the 16th.

On the invitation of Mr. Frank A. Comly the members of the Club and many of the invited guests assembled at the Ninth and Green Streets depot of the Reading Railroad at 2 P. M., and in a half hour reached Fort Washington.

The weather was delightful, the approach of autumn was visible upon the foliage, and the stroll upon the beautiful meadow of Mr. Comly, amidst his herd of Guernsey cattle, was much enjoyed. They have become quite numerous, and were much admired by the Club.

There were ten members present. Mr. G. B. Roberts and Mr. E. P. Wilbur were the absentees.

The invited guests were Mr. W. M. Singerly, Mr. E. C. Knight, Mr. Keim, Mr. Henry Lewis, Mr. Wistar, Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mr. F. A. Comly, Jr.

Miss Martha Cameron's silver cup was exhibited, and was much admired for its style and beautiful workmanship.

We dined at 4 o'clock. Mr. Comly fully maintained his reputation for making a grand array of reed birds. The old Madeira of numerous vintages was produced and greatly enjoyed by the Club.

At 8 o'clock we adjourned to dine with Mr. G. W. Childs on the 7th of October.

November 11th the proposed day of next meeting.

October 7, 1886.—The Farmers' Club met this day at Wootton, the beautiful country seat of our fellow-member, Mr. George W. Childs. Our host met us at the Penna. Depot and took us to Bryn Mawr in a special car, where carriages were waiting to carry us to Wootton. The day was fine, and though the appearance of the country as we passed through showed painfully the effect of the long drought, this was scarcely perceptible in the well-kept grounds and lawn of our provident brother Farmer, which, as the result of

irrigation, deep ploughing, or some other device of skilful culture, were still green and beautiful. The barns and stables were clean and neat. The well-cared for farm horses which brought us from the station showed no evidence of overwork during the late ploughing season, though this duty seemed to have been well performed, and the cattle gathered for our inspection gave promise of the delicious cream and butter which were afterwards found on the dinner table.

The dinner itself was fully equal to our good friend's previous efforts in this direction, plain, wholesome, and plentiful. The tenderness of the chickens was only equalled by the flavor of the mutton, and a plentiful supply of rare wines, Apollinaris, and other enlivening beverages cheered us at table, and sent us home, after the lapse of several delightful hours, better, we trust, if not wiser men.

The members present were Judge Biddle and Messrs. Fraley, Cameron, Duffy, Wilbur, Fell, Comly, Drayton, and the host.

The absentees were Justice Green, Mr. G. B. Roberts, and Mr. Blight, in whose absence Mr. W. H. Drayton acted as Secretary.

The array of invited guests included Robert Garrett, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; Frank Thomson, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; George DeB. Keim, Vice-President and Receiver of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company; Austin Corbin, the newly elected President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company; F. A. Comly, President of the North Penna. Railroad; W. Hayward Drayton; Ex-Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh; Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York 'World'; Rudulph Ellis; Thomas H. Dudley, of New Jersey; Joseph Patterson, President of the Western National Bank; E. P. Wilbur, President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; General Horace Porter, Vice-President of the Pullman Car Company; Judge Biddle; Frederick Fraley, President of the National Board of Trade; Senator J. Donald Cameron; James Duffy, of Marietta, Pa.; and J. R. Fell. It was a bountiful and admirably served dinner, of course, and incidentally the visitors amused themselves visiting the various places and objects of interest about the grounds.

November, 1886.—The Club dined with Mr. E. P. Wilbur on the 11th, at his beautiful residence, South Bethlehem. At 2 P. M. we took a special car from Ninth and Green streets. Before arriving at our destination rain commenced, but it did not prevent us

from passing the hour before dinner in visiting the extensive steel works with our host. The process of making steel rails was shown us, and all were much interested in witnessing the operation.

The green-house also attracted our admiration. Upon entering, a grand array of chrysanthemums were first brought to our view, and then followed a variety of carnation pinks and orchid plants, all showing great skill in their care and cultivation.

The members present were Mr. Comly, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. George Blight, and the host.

The invited guests were Mr. George DeB. Keim, Mr. Joseph S. Harris, Dr. R. A. Lamberton, Mr. W. B. Lamberton, Mr. Rob. H. Sayre, Mr. John Fritz, Mr. Henry Coppee, Mr. A. Stanley Goodwin, Mr. Rollin H. Wilbur.

We dined at 5.30 P. M., all determined to have a good time, and after enjoying much delightful intercourse we adjourned to dine with Justice Green in December.

December, 1886.—W. H. Drayton, Secretary.—The Club met at 5.30 P. M. at Augustin's on the invitation of Justice Green. There were present Judge Biddle, Messrs. Fraley, Comly, Childs, Roberts, Duffy, Wilbur, the host, Justice Green, and Mr. Drayton, who was requested in the absence of Mr. Blight to act as Secretary. The absentees were Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. G. Blight, indisposed (gout), and Mr. Fell, who is in Europe. Mr. Comly, the President, occupied the chair.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Blight the minutes were not read.

The next regular meeting day is January 13, 1887. This day was agreed on unless Mr. Cameron should not be able to entertain the Club on that day.

The dinner was served in Augustin's best style—terrapins and canvas-back ducks deliciously cooked.

The guests were Messrs. Dudley, Patterson, Drexel, MacVeagh, Dickson, Bullock, Thomson, and Mr. Charles Emory Smith, of the 'Press.'

There was no special subject for discussion. The question, who would be selected by the Republicans as candidate for mayor was jested over, but no one was named, except one of our own members (Mr. Childs), who, his brethern of the Club believe, would be the choice of the whole community, irrespective of party, but who will not consent to serve his fellow-citizens in this onerous capacity.

At a respectable hour, with hearts gladdened with good wine, and countenances cheerful without oil, thanking our host for the pleasure he had afforded us, we took leave of him.

January, 13, 1887.—The Club met at the residence of Mr. W. H. Drayton at 5½ P. M. Present, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, and Messrs. Fraley, Comly, Duffy, Wilbur, and the host, Mr. Drayton. Mr. Comly, President, in the chair. In the absence of Mr. Blight, Mr. Drayton, on request acted as Secretary. The absentees were Mr. Blight, suffering from an attack of gout; Mr. Childs, not yet recovered from a severe and dangerous fall on the ice; Mr. Cameron, detained in Washington by the continued severe illness of his wife; Mr. Roberts, who was kept away by an engagement entered into through a mistake of the day; and Mr. Fell, who is in Europe.

The minutes were then read for November and approved.

The next meeting was decided upon for February 10th, the proper day. The Secretary, Mr. Blight, requested to ascertain from Mr. Cameron if it would be quite agreeable to him to entertain the Club on that day, and, if not, to inform him that Mr. Fraley, who entertains in March, will be happy to exchange with him. The Club then, at 6 o'clock, adjourned for dinner.

The guests were Dr. Stillé, Messrs. Thos. H. Dudley, Joseph Patterson, Walter McMichael, and Mr. Drayton, Jr.

After a few hours much enjoyed by the host, and, he hopes, by the Club and guests, cheered by some capital punch brewed by our accomplished member, Frederick Fraley, the pleasant party separated; the tables were cleared away, the lights extinguished, and the host retired to his couch, hoping as he dropped asleep that all the good friends who had left him would be well and with him a year hence.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary, pro tem.

1887.—The Club dined with Mr. Cameron on the 10th of February. Mr. Roberts extended to us the courtesies of the railroad, and had his private car attached to the 12.35 P. M. train for our accommodation. We reached the capital soon after 4 o'clock, having had a very agreeable trip. Mr. Cameron now lives on Lafayette Square, having refitted up the old historical Taylor residence with very good taste.

The members present were Justice Green, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Cameron, and Mr. Blight.

The invited guests were Judge Matthews, Judge Paxson, Secretary Whitney, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Senator Fry, of Maine; Senator Farwell, of Illinois; Senator Jones, of Nevada; Senator Morgan, of Alabama; Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky; Senator Allison, of Iowa; Mr. W. L. Scott, Member of Congress, Erie, Pa.

The President was also expected to be among those invited, but his engagements prevented his acceptance. In his note of regret he expressed the wish that the Farmers' Club should attend Mrs. Cleveland's reception, and at 10 o'clock we adjourned to the White House, in accordance with the following note:—

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 10, 1887.

The President directs me to express his regret that his engagements do not permit him to join you at dinner to-night.

He begs, however, to request that you will make his compliments to your guests of the Farmers' Club, and convey to them the cordial invitation of Mrs. Cleveland and himself to attend the reception to be given at the White House from nine until eleven o'clock this evening in honor of the officers of the Army and Navy and Marine Corps.

Faithfully yours,
DANIEL LAMONT.

HON. J. D. CAMERON,
21 Lafayette Square.

We found there many of the officers of the Army and Navy and many other distinguished people of Washington. After spending a very pleasant hour we returned to the Arlington Hotel.

The following morning was devoted to the sights of Washington, and at 2 P. M. we returned to Philadelphia.

March, 1887.—On the invitation of Mr. Fraley the Club dined at 2017 De Lancey Place on the 10th. We assembled at 6 P. M.

The members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Duffy, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. George Blight, and the host.

Mr. Fell being still in Europe, it was decided to omit the April meeting.

The invited guests were Mr. Thomas H. Dudley, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Judge Henry Reed, Mr. Messchart, Mr. Fraley, Jr., Judge Butler, Hon. S. J. Randall, Mr. Hollingsworth, and Mr. Townsend Price.

We dined at 6.30 o'clock, had a jovial time, and did not adjourn until after 10 P. M.

Since the last meeting of the Club we have lost one of our esteemed members. Mr. Comly died on the 23d of April, 1887. For the last twenty years Mr. Comly has been a member, having been elected during my absence in Europe in the year 1867. During this period we can recall no omission of the annual meeting in September at the Valley Green Farm. It was known as the Reed Bird meeting, and now we all can recall what pleasure and care Mr. Comly took in having these delicious birds served to perfection. Nor is it out of place for your Secretary to mention here what fine Madeira wines Mr. Comly gave his guests on the occasion of our meetings. Some seventeen different vintages were passed around the table and enjoyed by his warm friends.

The funeral took place on the 27th. Five members of the Club were present. The numerous attendance of those holding prominent positions in the community attests the value of his character and the regret at his loss.

AT REST AT ABINGTON

MANY MOURNERS FOLLOW THE REMAINS OF FRANKLIN A. COMLY TO THE GRAVE

"A large and distinguished body of mourners followed the remains of Franklin A. Comly to the family lot in the old-fashioned Friends' Cemetery at Abington, yesterday afternoon. Two special trains, one from Ninth and Green streets station, over the North Penn, and the other from Bethlehem, over the Lehigh Valley Road, conveyed about four hundred friends of deceased to his late residence, near Fort Washington. The funeral services were according to the custom of the Society of Friends, and were very impressive.

"Among those who attended the funeral were Mayor Edwin H. Fitler, Judge Craig Biddle, E. C. Knight, President of the Bound Brook Road; President Wilbur and Vice-President Hartshorne, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; A. J. Drexel, George W. Childs, Thomas Cochran, Joseph Patterson, Seth I. Comly, Joseph Whar-

ton, Thomas McKean, J. B. Altemus, George Philler, John H. Michener, William H. Hurley, Alfred Hunt, Robert H. Sayre, George Richards, L. H. Taylor, Jr., H. M. Howe, M. D., Charles Smith, Lindley Smyth, J. Tatnall Lea, Edward S. Clarke, B. Andrews Knight, George DeB. Keim, Daniel Haddock, Jr., Edward B. Edwards, Joseph Hunsicker, Colonel R. Dale Benson, Albert Foster, George R. Kaercher, Colonel Charles Knight, John S. Wise, James H. Stevenson, Charles A. Sparks, J. Storm Patterson, Henry Lewis, Isaac Hazlehurst, R. L. Knight, Daniel Evans, W. Hayward Drayton, George Tyler, John L. Thompson, A. H. Fracker, T. K. Peterson, C. G. Hancock, R. C. McMurtrie, Ex-Mayor W. S. Stokley, General Pardee, Congressman Charles O'Neill, Ex-Governor John F. Hartranft, and others.

"The office of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company, of which deceased was for many years President, was closed yesterday."

The May meeting of the Club was held on the 12th at Pencoyd, the country seat of Mr. George B. Roberts.

We left Philadelphia by the 4.10 P. M. train, which brought us to Bala Station, the first from the city on the Schuylkill Valley Railroad.

The members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Blight, and the host.

Mr. J. Don Cameron and Mr. Fell were the absentees.

The weather was delightful, so characteristic of the beautiful month of May. We took the usual walk, admiring the views and the surrounding country. Some few changes and improvements Mr. Roberts has made since our last visit—enlarging the boundaries of the lawn and the removal of old buildings.

The invited guests were Hon. Simon Cameron, Judge Logan, Mr. Henry D. Welsh, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brookes, Mr. Joseph Patterson, Mr. Cassatt.

After a very pleasant dinner the Club returned to the city at 8.27 P. M.

1887.—The annual meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Marietta, on the 9th of June. We left the city at 10 A. M., in the private car of the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and at 12.30 P. M. our arrival at the Park was welcomed by our host, Mr. Duffy.

The following is a list of the present members of the Club, arranged as to the time or date of their election:—

Mr. George Blight, 1847, 1500 Pine Street.
Mr. Frederick Fraley, 2017 De Lancey Place.
Judge Biddle, 1860, 2033 Pine Street.
Mr. W. H. Drayton, 1865, 1012 Spruce Street.
Hon. J. Don Cameron, Washington, D. C.
Justice Green, Easton, Pa.
Mr. James Duffy, Marietta, Lancaster County, Pa.
Mr. George W. Childs, Bryn Mawr.
Mr. George B. Roberts, 1901 Spruce Street.
Mr. E. P. Wilbur, South Bethlehem.
Mr. John R. Fell, Fort Washington.

At this meeting the only absentees were Mr. Fraley and Mr. Childs, who is still confined to his house by his late accident. The weather during the morning was clear but warm, and the ride through the beautiful Chester and Pequea Valleys was much enjoyed. Before the time of adjournment arrived the clouds became dark and a severe thunderstorm arose while we were enjoying the hospitalities of the pavilion. Our return to the train was in the midst of heavy showers.

Mr. Duffy's farm made its usual fine appearance; the wheat far exceeded any we had seen on the route to Marietta; the corn and grass promised to be about the average yield; it was too early in the season to judge what the crop of tobacco would be. In the accustomed rotation of the office of President, the honor for the coming year fell upon the Hon. J. Don Cameron.

Notwithstanding the rain the meeting was much enjoyed, and we adjourned to dine with Judge Biddle on the 7th of July.

Mr. A. J. Cassatt was elected a member of the Club, but, owing to the fact of his being absent from the country for more than a year, he declined membership.

The invited guests: Mr. Jerome, Mr. Jos. Patterson, Mr. Wayne MacVeagh, Mr. Bowman, Major Bent, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pugh, Col. Snowden, Mr. Reynolds, Gen. Simon Cameron. Mr. Cassatt was elected.

1887.—The July meeting of the Club was held at Andalusia on the 7th. Judge Biddle, at the entrance of his fine estate, awaited the arrival of the "Columbia," and gave the Club a most welcome

reception. Those present were Mr. Fraley, Mr. Drayton, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. J. R. Fell, Mr. Blight. Those absent were Mr. Duffy, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Justice Green. The invited guests were His Honor Mayor Fitler, Col. Potts, Judge Logan, Mr. Valentine, Mr. J. S. Biddle, Mr. Charles Biddle.

The weather was delightful—a fine July day—warm, but the heat was modified by the breezes of the river. The historic herd of Guernsey cattle were examined. Since our last visit to Andalusia, Judge Biddle has added to his herd a fine young bull, which promises to be a valuable animal. The crops looked remarkably well, especially the oats.

We greatly admired the old place, which maintains all its beauty and grandeur. We dined at four o'clock, and after much social intercourse, adjourned to meet at Devonshire Place on the 4th of August.

The August meeting of the Club was appointed to be held on the 4th at "Devonshire Place," but in consequence of the severe illness of Mrs. Blight it was postponed.

Sept. 22, 1887.—The Club dined to-day with Mr. John R. Fell, at his country seat, Camp Hill, so called from having been the camping-ground of a part of our Revolutionary army, previous to the battle of Germantown. As this was the first entertainment given by Mr. Fell, our junior member, many of us had never seen his beautiful house or extensive grounds, nor the fine views from his piazza.

The members and guests were taken in a special car at 2.30 P. M., from Ninth and Green streets, to Fort Washington, where we were met by our host with carriages, to take us to his house and also with his tally-ho, for such of us as desired to have a drive. Many of us availed ourselves, and drove from Fort Washington to Flourtown, and thence, by the country road, across to Camp Hill, in the tally-ho.

The Club then held its regular meeting. Present, Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Messrs. Fraley, Childs, Duffy, Roberts Wilbur, Drayton, and the host. Absent, Messrs. Cameron and Blight. Owing to the absence of both President and Secretary, Mr. Fraley was called to the chair, and Mr. Drayton was requested to act as Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and with a slight correction, approved. It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Wootton, the country seat of Mr. Childs, on

Thursday, Oct. 13th next. Judge Biddle moved that Mr. Joseph Patterson be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Comly, and he was unanimously elected. The lamented death of Mr. Patterson almost immediately after our meeting has deprived us of the society of a gentleman with whom we were all on terms of actual intimacy, and the Club of a member whose genial manners and cultivated conversation would have proved a valuable acquisition. The dinner was an excellent one and thoroughly appreciated by members and guests, who were Mayor Fitler, Messrs. A. J. Drexel, Lindley Smyth, James W. Paul, Jr., E. C. Knight, George DeB. Keim, and Dr. Newberry.

Between 9 and 10 P. M. the members and guests returned to their respective homes.

Thursday, October 13, 1887.—The Farmers' Club met this day at Wootton, the beautiful country seat of Mr. Childs. There were present of the Club Messrs. Fraley, Cameron, Drayton, Green, Blight.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, Mr. Duffy was called to the chair, and Judge Biddle was requested to act as Secretary.

It was announced to the Club that Mr. Joseph Patterson, who had been elected a member at its last meeting, had died before information of that fact could be sent to him.

Mr. Patterson, although technically not a member of the Club, had been so frequently its honored guest as to be considered almost indispensable to its meetings. His genial disposition, his agreeable manners, and intelligent conversation made him attractive to all those with whom he came in contact.

By direction of the Club the Secretary placed upon the minutes their expression of their regard and esteem, and their regret that he should be taken from them just as they hoped that their relations to him were about to become more permanent.

Thursday, November 3d, was agreed upon as the next time of meeting, it being the month assigned to Mr. Wilbur.

At 4 P. M. dinner was announced. The invited guests were Mr. J. C. Bullitt, Mr. Eugene Delano, Mr. Lindley Smyth, Mr. W. V. McKean, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Col. Snowden, Mr. MacVeagh, and Mr. Dudley.

After a very pleasant repast the company took the train for the city, where they arrived safely.

CRAIG BIDDLE,
Secretary pro tem.

November 3, 1887.—The Club met at the house of Mr. E. P. Wilbur at South Bethlehem, going from Ninth and Green streets depot in a special car attached to the 2 P. M. train. We were accompanied to Bethlehem by two of Mr. Wilbur's sons, who showed us many attentions by the way. On our arrival at Bethlehem we were met by our host, who, first escorting us through his hot-houses, where, among other beautiful flowers, his collection of chrysanthemums were prominent, then took us in carriages to the Memorial Church to the late Judge Packer, our former brother member.

The Packer Memorial Church is probably the most beautiful church in the State: the windows certainly the most so that the Secretary has ever seen, and the architecture and other ornamentation are all in perfect accord. After visiting the library of the Bethlehem Institute we returned to Mr. Wilbur's house to have our meeting and dine. The members present were Messrs. Fraley, Green, Drayton, Fell, Roberts, Childs, and Mr. Wilbur. Absent, Messrs. Blight, Cameron, Duffy, and Judge Biddle.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 15th. Justice Green will be the host.

A suggestion as to filling the existing vacancy was made, but all action was postponed to the next meeting.

The guests at dinner were Mr. Comegys, Mr. Brockie, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Broadhead, Mr. N. W. Wilbur, Mr. Linderman, Mr. Thurston, Mr. R. H. Wilbur, Mr. Hartshorne.

The table ornaments were remarkably beautiful, and the dinner a capital one. We left it with great regret; and such of the guests as went to Philadelphia took a special car at 8 P. M. and returned home.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

The Farmers' Club met December 15th at Augustin's, to dine with the Hon. Justice Green.

The Club assembled at 5½ P. M. Present: Judge Biddle, Messrs. Fraley, Childs, Wilbur, Fell, Drayton, and the host. Absent: Messrs. Cameron, Blight, Roberts, and Duffy.

The election of a member to fill the vacancy created by the death of our lamented friend Mr. Joseph Patterson was again postponed.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Cameron, to whom the month of January had been assigned, and the uncertainty as to what Thurs-

day would suit him, or, indeed, if the month itself would suit him, it was agreed that Mr. Drayton should entertain the Club on Thursday, January 12th, and that Mr. Cameron be requested to inform us when it will be most agreeable to him to give his dinner.

The Club then adjourned to meet at Mr. Drayton's on the 12th of January. The dinner was served in Augustin's best style.

The invited guests were Justice Paxson of the Supreme Court, Judge Meyer of the 25th District, and Messrs. Drexel, Broadhead, Singerly, and Thompson. Having enjoyed the dinner, the pleasant conversation around the table, the members and guests took leave of the host of the evening.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

January 12, 1888.—The regular monthly meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Mr. W. H. Drayton's, 1012 Spruce Street, at 5.30 P.M. The members present were Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. Fred Fraley, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. John R. Fell, and the host. The absentees were Messrs. Blight, Duffy, Cameron, and Wilbur. On motion it was resolved that the Club dine with Senator Cameron in Washington on Thursday, February 23d.

The guests of the evening were Mayor Fitler, Mr. B. B. Comegys, Judge Brewster, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. W. M. Singerly, Messrs. William and Henry Drayton. The dinner was eminently successful, and was accompanied with much interesting and sprightly conversation.

J. R. FELL,
Secretary pro tem.

February 23d.—The regular meeting of the Farmers' Club was held in Washington, D. C., at the residence of Senator J. Donald Cameron.

The members present were Messrs. Cameron, Roberts, Childs, Wilbur, and Fell. Owing to the absence of a quorum, the meeting was of an informal nature. The members absent were Messrs. Fraley, Biddle, Blight, Green, Duffy, and Drayton.

Mr. Childs announced that the Club had received an accession to its list of daughters in Mrs. Fell's little girl, born on December 23, 1887, and suggested that the Secretary be instructed to procure a silver cup to be presented to her by the Club.

It was the unanimous sense of the members present that Mr. Clement A. Griscom be elected a member of the Club to fill the existing vacancy. On motion the Club adjourned.

The dinner was most elegantly served, and was heartily enjoyed by those around the board.

The guests present were the Secretary of State, James A. Bayard, Senators Allison, of Iowa, Butler, of S. C., Jones, of Nevada, Manderson, of Nebraska.

The March meeting of the Club was held at Mr. Fred. Fraley's, 2017 De Lancey Place, on the 22d.

Members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, and Messrs. Roberts, Fell, and Drayton, and the host. Those absent were Messrs. Blight, Childs, Cameron, Wilbur, and Duffy.

Mr. Clement A. Griscom, who had been proposed at the February meeting, was unanimously elected a member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our lamented friend, Mr. Jos. Patterson.

The month of April, the only one vacant, was assigned to Mr. Griscom. The next regular meeting was fixed for Thursday, May 24, 1888, at the country seat of Mr. Roberts.

Should it be convenient to Mr. Griscom to entertain the Club in April, he is to be informed that the regular day will be April 19th.

The invited guests were Messrs. Randall, Dudley, Stillé, Kaercher, Sellers, Rogers, Pierce, Messchart, McMichael, Hallowell, and Joseph Fraley.

The dinner was excellent, and the table arranged with great taste. Among the ornaments was a basket of flowers sent by Miss Anne Coleman, one of the daughters of the Club, which was exceedingly pretty. At a late hour the Club left the hospitable mansion of Mr. Fraley.

The April meeting was omitted, Mr. Clement A. Griscom preferring to take the month of August.

May 22, 1888.—The meeting of the Farmers' Club was held this day at Pencoyd, the country seat of Mr. G. B. Roberts.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, Mr. Fraley presiding.

In view of the fact that Col. Duffy was in ill health, and that he would not be able to receive the Club in the month of June as usual, it was suggested that the Club should dine with Gen. Simon Cameron at Donegal, on whatever day in June it would suit his convenience, and that Justice Green should wait on Gen. Cameron and inform him of the desire of the Club.

Mr. Fraley, on the part of the Club, presented a magnificent silver cup to Mr. Fell for his infant daughter, Frances Drexel Paul Fell, and in giving it made one of his peculiarly touching little speeches. It was resolved that a suitable bridal present be purchased by the Secretary for Miss Gertrude Cannell, a daughter of the Club, and that the names of the members be inscribed thereon; a silver pitcher was mentioned.

The members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, and the host. The members absent were Messrs. Blight, Duffy, Cameron, and Wilbur. On motion adjourned.

The guests were Messrs. C. C. Harrison, J. Campbell Harris, H. H. Houston, Eugene Delano, Pierce Archer, Col. Wyatt, Chas. E. Pugh, Francis Yarnall, Judge Paxson, and Gen. Sewell, of New Jersey. The dinner passed off delightfully, and at 8.27 P. M. the Philadelphia members returned to town.

JOHN R. FELL,
Secretary pro tem.

"During the evening Mr. Fraley, in behalf of the Club (and according to its custom), presented a silver mug to Mr. John R. Fell, in honor of the birth of a daughter, and Mr. Fell made a short speech in reply to Mr. Fraley's. Directions were also given for the execution of a silver memorial to be given to Miss Gertrude Cannell, the daughter of a deceased member, who was presented with a silver mug at his daughter's birth. Miss Cannell's coming marriage is now the occasion for the presentation of the memorial."

The August meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at Dolobran, the beautiful country seat of Mr. Clement A. Griscom. The party left the city at 3.45 P. M., and on arriving at Mr. Griscom's were welcomed by him and shown the many objects of interest which his place possesses. The members present were Messrs. Fraley, Biddle, Drayton, Green, Childs, Roberts, Cameron, Fell and the host. Messrs. Blight, Wilbur, and Duffy were absent.

Mr. G. B. Roberts announced that he was the happy father of a new daughter, and on motion of Mr. Childs it was resolved that the Club should adopt her, and, also, that the Secretary, Mr. Blight, should procure a silver cup as a gift from the Club.

e Club then adjourned to meet at Mr. Fell's, at For. Washing-
on Thursday, September 20th.
e dinner was most agreeable. The guests present were Mr.
Cassatt, Mr. H. H. Houston, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Charles E.
, and Mr. Griscom, senior, the father of the host.
er enjoying amply the good things provided for them the
returned at 9 P. M.

J. R. FELL,
Secretary pro tem.

8.—List of the present members of the Farmers' Club,
mber 1st.

Mr. George Blight, 1847.
Judge Biddle, 1859.
Mr. W. H. Drayton, 1865.
Hon. J. Don Cameron, 1876.
Mr. Fred. Fraley, 1860.
Justice Green, 1878.
Mr. George W. Childs, 1888.
Mr. E. P. Wilbur, 1886.
Mr. George B. Roberts, 1880.
Mr. John R. Fell, 1886.
Mr. Clement A. Griscom, 1887.
Mr. A. J. Cassatt, December, 1888.

e September meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the
ry seat of Mr. John R. Fell, Fort Washington, Montgomery
ty. We left the city at 3.30 P. M. in a special car. On ar-
at Fort Washington, Mr. Fell met us with his tally-ho coach
rove us through the beautiful valley of White Marsh. We
mired the scenery as we passed over the hills. Mrs. Fell and
ladies gave us a cordial reception.
. Fell's place being comparatively new his desire was that
of his ornamental trees should be planted by members of the
This formed the feature of the day. Each tree was planted
he name attached. This will recall to Mr. Fell and the
ers of his family pleasant recollections of the visit of the
At 5½ P. M. we dined, the reed-bird dinner—these little
s maintained their character for excellence—they were
ably served.

The members present were Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. G. W. Childs, Justice Green, Mr. George Blight, and the host. The absentees were Mr. George B. Roberts, Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. James Duffy, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. Clement Griscom.

The invited guests were Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. R. McMurtrie, Mr. Antelo, Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader.

At 8.30 the Club adjourned and returned to the city, having had a most delightful day, weather delightful.

COLONEL JAMES W. DUFFY

"James Duffy is to be buried to-day from his late home in Marietta, Pa., and we cannot let the sad occasion pass without a word of tribute to his memory. No man was ever worthier of esteem and love. To a large and generous heart he added a sound intellect, extensive knowledge of men and affairs, great energy, and a genial humor, which made the world always brighter for his being in it. Of Irish origin, Catholic faith, and Democratic politics, his friends were counted among men of every name and every party. Made rich through his own ability and industry, no one ever envied him his good fortune, or depreciated the admirable qualities of his character. He lived to be seventy years of age, but his mind retained its elasticity, and his affections were young to the last. His friends used to say in jest sometimes that he was descended from a line of old Irish kings; and, as he is laid in the last resting-place, we can truly declare that any race of kings might be proud of such a descendant."—*New York Sun*, November 5, 1888.

The foregoing is the thoughtful, affectionate tribute of an old friend, Mr. Charles A. Dana, the editor of the "*Sun*," to the character of Colonel Duffy, whom he thoroughly knew and justly appreciated. It was the large, generous nature of the late Colonel Duffy which won for him so many and such genuinely attached friends. The bounty of it was as deep as the sea; the sincerity of it as strong. His noble Catholicism was not in his religion only; it was part of his heart and mind. His truthfulness was robust, stalwart; his charity of thought and act manly, direct, helpful. Those who knew him at all knew Colonel Duffy as one who, through all the chances and rubs of a long life, had not created enmities or discords, but as one who had destroyed them, who had waved them away from his own life and the lives of others. He was a gentle,

genial, kindly-natured man, of noble integrity, and helpful, gracious ways. His nature was opulent; it gave freely to others of its own healthy, vigorous friendliness, good will and good humor. Mr. Dana is right to say that a race of kings might have been proud of such a descendant; his bounty, courage, honor, truth, made him a kingly man.

October 18, 1888.—The Club met at Wootton, the beautiful country seat of Mr. George W. Childs. The Secretary being absent and the minutes no having been sent by him, the reading of them was necessarily dispensed with.

The weather was delightful, enabling the Club and guests to inspect, with great convenience, the many attractive features of Mr. Child's highly cultivated farm. In addition to fine carriage and farm horses, two promising thoroughbred colts from a mare which was presented by Gen. Grant to Mr. Childs were exhibited to us and were duly admired. We also saw the beautiful cows, one of which has been presented to Mrs. Cleveland. The hot-houses were in most creditable order, and the spring-house, probably the most beautiful in the country, if not in the world, was, as it has been at each visit, an object of admiration.

Gen. Grant, and some other distinguished men who have been heretofore the guests of Mr. Childs, have planted memorial trees upon his lawn, and another, at his request, was to-day set out by Gen. Sherman.

Among those present were General William T. Sherman, General Simon Cameron, Senator J. Donald Cameron, Wayne MacVeagh, Justice Henry Green, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Judge Craig Biddle, of the Common Pleas; Vice-Presiden Frank Thomson, of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Frederick Fraley, President of the Board of Trade; A. J. Antelo, Mayor Edwin H. Fitler, Vice-President A. A. McLeod, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad; W. Hayward Drayton, President of the Board of City Trusts; Rudulph Ellis, John R. Fell, W. L. Davis, of New York, and William [illegible]

[illegible] adorned the plate of each guest. They [illegible] luncheon of the Farmers' Club, a medallion [illegible] by a blue belt bearing the name of the organi- [illegible] [illegible] as a memento of his [illegible] hing. Mr. Childs has [illegible] these shady memen-

toes of his friends, and expressed his regret yesterday that General Sheridan had not planted a tree ere it was too late. The General intended to do it the same day that Mrs. Cleveland planted hers, but some accidental circumstances prevented it.

To add to the enjoyment of the day Mrs. Childs had gathered to receive us, as she has always done, several attractive ladies from among the farmers' wives of the neighborhood.

After partaking of an excellent dinner beautifully served the Club and guests bade adieu to the host and hostess and returned to their homes.

The December meeting of the Club was held at Augustin's, on Walnut Street. On the invitation of Justice Green, we assembled at 5.30 P. M. Present: Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Fred Fraley, Judge Biddle, Mr. Blight, and the host. The absentees were Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, and Mr. John R. Fell.

The death of Mr. James Duffy was officially announced, and the Secretary directed to enter this sad event on the minutes, and to express to Mrs. Duffy our condolence, which he has done in the following note:—

MY DEAR MRS. DUFFY:—

In no formal way can I express to you the feelings of the Farmers' Club when we were called upon to enter upon our minutes the death of Mr. Duffy, our friend and associate. His interest in our social club was great, and the pleasure we all felt when he was able to attend the meetings, manifested the kind feelings we all felt at his presence. Let me assure you, my dear Mrs. Duffy, we all share with you in the great loss you have sustained.

GEORGE BLIGHT,
Secretary.

This vacancy having occurred, it was proposed to fill it by the election of Mr. A. J. Cassatt. The rules having been dispensed with, Mr. Cassatt was unanimously elected a member of the Club.

The silver cup to be presented to Miss Miriam W. Roberts was shown for approval, and by Judge Biddle presented to her father, Mr. George B. Roberts. Both of these gentlemen made appropriate speeches.

The dinner was served at 6 P. M., and the invited guests were Mayor Fitler, Judge Paxson, Judge Thayer, Senator Wolverton,

Gen. Reeder, Mr. S. G. Thompson, Mr. H. A. Potter, and Mr. MacVeagh.

The Farmers' Club went to Washington, D. C., on the 17th of January, at the invitation of Senator J. Don Cameron. Those present were Judge Biddle, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Justice Green, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, and the host. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The members absent were Messrs. F. Fraley, Blight, and Drayton. On motion it was resolved that the Club adjourn to meet at Mr. Drayton's, in Philadelphia, on Thursday, February 14th. Mr. Drayton subsequently informed the secretary *pro tem.* that the 14th did not suit him, and that he would take the 21st instead.

The dinner passed off as agreeably as it always does at Senator Cameron's, and was interesting on account of the prominence of the guests, who were as follows: Mr. J. G. Blaine, Secretary Whitney, Senator Butler, Senator Farwell, Henry Cabot Lodge, and Mr. Frank Thomson. During the evening the President of the United States sent word, through his private secretary, that he would be pleased to receive the members of the Club at the Diplomatic Corps' Reception at the White House, which polite invitation the Club accepted, and were presented to the President and Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Endicott, Mrs. Whitney and other ladies who were receiving with Mrs. Cleveland. After the public reception, the members of the Club were entertained by Mrs. Cleveland and the President most hospitably. The Club returned to Philadelphia on Friday morning, having had a delightful trip.

J. R. FELL,
Secretary pro tem.

February 20, 1889.—The Club met at the residence of Mr. Drayton, 1012 Spruce Street. Present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Fraley, Justice Green, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Fell, the president, and the host.

Mr. Drayton acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. Blight. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The next meeting will be held at Mr. Fraley's, March 14th, at 5.30 P. M. The guests were Dr. Stillé, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Beauveau Borie, Dr. Morris J. Lewis, Messrs. Robert C. and W. H. Drayton, Jr. The dinner was enjoyed very much. The absentees were

Hon. J. Don Cameron, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Blight, and Mr. Griscom, who is in Europe, and Mr. Childs, who was unexpectedly kept away by sickness.

March 14, 1889.—The Club met at the house of Mr. Fraley, 2017 De Lancey Place. Present: Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Messrs. Childs, Roberts, Wilbur, Cassatt, Drayton and the host. The absentees were Messrs. Blight, Cameron, Fell, and Griscom. In the absence of the President, Judge Biddle was called to the chair. Mr. Drayton was requested to supply Mr. Blight's place as secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

April is the month assigned to Mr. Griscom, who is absent in Europe, but expected here before the end of that month. The day for his dinner was therefore left open. To. Mr. Cassatt, with his approval, was assigned the month of June, which was heretofore taken by our lamented friend Duffy.

The dinner table was decorated with baskets of flowers the most beautiful having been sent by Miss Anne Coleman, one of the adopted daughters of the Club. At an appropriate moment Mr. Fraley informed the Club and guests of this, and with some kind and complimentary remarks in relation both to the young lady and her father, who had during his lifetime been one of the most esteemed members, proposed the health of Miss Anne, which was cordially responded to. At a later hour our host proposed the health of our oldest member, Mr. Blight, speaking with great feeling of his long connection with the Club, and his devotion to its interests, and of the warm affection and esteem which we all entertained for him, and of our regret at his series of afflictions which had kept him so much away from our meetings during several years. The Club united in drinking Mr. Blight s health.

The guests were Dr. Stillé, Mr. Dudley, Judge Pennypacker, Mr. Janney, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Stoddard, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Hallowell, Mr. Messchart, and Mr. Joseph Fraley.

Having enjoyed the good dinner and pleasant addresses on prohibition, the Club adjourned.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

April 8.—On the invitation of Mr. Clement A. Griscom the Club assembled at Dolobran, his beautiful country seat and farm.

Mr. Griscom awaited our arriva' and gave us a hearty reception.

The weather was doubtful, the wind high, and hourly rain might be expected, but did not overtake us until the hour of our departure had arrived.

Before dining we took the usual walk around the farm. The greenhouse, the well-arranged stables, the colts, the flock of Southdown sheep, the herd of Guernsey cattle, the Yorkshire pigs were carefully inspected; each in their order may be styled the first of their kind, and manifested much care in their selection. To the eye of the farmer 't was a beautiful sight to see the Southdown sheep roving over the hills, and the herd of Guernsey cattle so comfortably stabled.

Among the cows one was imported from Switzer'and a fine specimen of her breed. Time alone will show her value and her adaptability to our climate.

A fine stream of water flows through the meadow, enabling Mr. Griscom o have a arge 'ce-pond, also for fish and bathing, use of the dairy, and watering the stock.

There is much of natural beauty in this place, and Mr. Griscom has greatly improved the landscape. Present: Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. George Blight, and the host. Absent: Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. Fell, and Mr. J. Don Cameron.

The invited guests were Mr. James Spence, of Liverpool, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. Joseph D. Potts, Mr. Sidney B'ddle, Prof. William Pepper, Mr. Richard McMurtrie, Dr. John D. Griscom, Mr. Charles T. Browning.

We dined at 6.30. We had a jolly time, and about 10 o'clock we adjourned to dine with Mr. George B. Roberts on the 16th of May.

May 16, 1889.—The Club dined at Pencoyd, the country seat of Mr. George B. Roberts. We left the city 4.44 P.M. and soon reached Bala Station. Before going to the house we carefully examined the new church of St. Asaph, built through the instrumentality of Mr. Roberts. The situation and general appearance of the building were much admired.

The weather was delightful and well calculated for the enjoyment of a day in the country.

Since our last visit Mr. Roberts has completed the remodelling of the old house, and the additions he was contemplating are all

done in good taste and in harmony; he has made a most beautiful and attractive spot of the old homestead.

We took our usual walk over the pasture-fields where several Jersey cattle were grazing. From this spot the scenery is much extended, embracing a fine view of Roxborough and Chestnut Hill. We dined at 5.30.

The members present were Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. George B. Roberts, and Mr. George Blight.

The absentees were Mr. John R. Fell and Mr. J. Don Cameron.

The invited guests were Judge Williams, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. Thos. Williams, Mr. H. H. Houston, Mr. J. P. Green, Judge James A. Logan, Mr. Edward S. Buckley.

After a very pleasant dinner we returned to the city at 8.20 P. M.

G. B.,
Secretary.

The Club dined on the 6th of June with Mr. Cassatt. We took the 2.45 train for Haverford College, where the four-in-hand coach was in readiness for the drive through the beautiful Chester Valley. The road was in excellent order, and we made the eleven miles in an hour and a half. The weather was delightful—clear and cool—as if made especially for the occasion.

Mrs. Cassatt and several of the invited guests awaited our arrival at the farm. The inspection of the valuable stock then commenced. Brood mares with their foals were pasturing in an extensive meadow to the delight of many distinguished horsemen who formed our party, thence to the stables where the stallions were kept—five in number; these were carefully examined and much admired.

Time passed rapidly, and only a little leisure was left to examine the herd of Guernsey cattle and the other choice stock on this extended and well-managed farm of 630 acres.

We dined at 6.30 P. M. The principal dishes were furnished from the farm. "*Nihil alienum*" was the principle to be carried out, and very successfully accomplished. The Guernsey "roast beef" was most deliciously cooked, and verified the excellency of this herd of cattle for beef, as well as their acknowledged superiority for butter and cream; thence the Shropshiredown lamb-chops, the spring

chickens, and so forth. These were greatly enjoyed by the jovial party which surrounded the table of our host.

The members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Mr. George Blight, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, and the host. The invited guests were Governor Bowie, of Maryland, Gen. Horace Porter, Mr. J. King, Jr., President of the New York and Erie Railroad, Mr. R. C. Hall, of Baltimore, Mr. W. A. Patton, of Penna. Railroad, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Gen. Wistar, Mr. J. G. Cassatt, Mr. Alexander Preston, Mr. Ellis. It was quite nine o'clock before we left the arm, and returned to the city from Berwyn Station under the bright light of the moon, having much enjoyed the day.

July 11. The Club met at Andalusia, the summer residence of our host, Judge Biddle. Those present were Messrs. Fraley, Drayton, Childs, Justice Green, and Mr. Fell and the host. The absentees were Messrs. Blight, Cameron, Griscom, and Cassatt.

In the absence of Mr. Blight, Mr. Drayton was requested to act as secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, with two corrections, were approved.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Club should be held at the residence of Justice Green, at Easton, on the eighth of August next. The weather, which, in the morning, was unpropitious and rainy, had become pleasant before we landed at the wharf at Andalusia, and continued so. Owing to the absence of Mr. Blight, and perhaps somewhat to the extreme dampness of the ground from the excessive rains of the morning and last night, the usual inspection of the farm and the fine Guernsey stock was dispensed with. The dinner was lively and pleasant, as usual.

The guests were Mr. McMurtrie, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Mr. S. Hinds Thomas, Mr. P. S. Hutchinson, and Charles Biddle. At about 7 P. M. we left the beautiful mansion of our host to drive to Bories Station, where we took the cars for our homes.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

Owing to the death, at that time, of Justice Green's grandchild, the August meeting was omitted.

The September meeting of the Club was held at the beautiful residence of Mr. John R. Fell. At 3 P. M. we took an especial car from Ninth and Green streets, and soon reached Fort

Washington. The weather was doubtful. It had rained in the morning, and the grass was too wet to admit of much walking about. The memorial trees, which each member had planted last year, were growing finely, only two having failed to accomplish the desired object.

The members present were Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Mr. George W. Childs, Justice Green, Mr. George Blight, Mr. George B. Roberts, and the host. The absentees were Judge Biddle, Hon. J. Don Cameron, and Mr. Cassatt.

The invited guests were Mr. McMurtrie, Mr. A. L. Drexel, Mr. Samuel W. Bell, of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank; Mr. McLeod, of the Reading Railroad; Dr. Newberry; and Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader.

The October 24th meeting of the Club was held at Wootton, the country residence of Mr. Childs. With the exception of Mr. Fraley and Mr. J. Don Cameron, the members were all present. We assembled at the Broad Street Station at 2.15 P.M., and in less than a half hour we reached Bryn Mawr. We first were driven to the model farm, where we viewed the creamery, the stables, cattle, and two fine colts from the horse which had been presented by General Grant. These were greatly admired. Then we passed through the green-houses and the rose plantations. The private stables were inspected, and all were found in the most beautiful order. The weather was mild—not bright, but sufficiently pleasant to enjoy the walk over the greatly extended lawn of Wootton—one if its great features. We dined about 4 P. M.

The Philadelphia "Times" gave the following account of the dinner:—

"At Wootton, where so many distinguished people have been entertained, Mr. George W. Childs yesterday gave a dinner to the Farmers' Club and several invited guests. The gathering was remarkable for the number of leading railroad men present. Nearly every prominent railroad magnate in this section of the country was at the dinner, and with them were bankers, lawyers, and judges whose reputations are as wide as the country.

"Chauncey M. Depew, President of the New York Central Railroad; General Horace Porter, Vice-President of the Pullman Car Company, and Joseph H. Choate, who is Senator William M. Evart's law partner, came over from New York on a special car

with Austin Corbin, President of the Reading Railroad. Chief Justice Paxson and Judge Green, of the Supreme Court, came through from Pittsburg to be present at the dinner. At Broad Street Station these gentlemen met the other members of the dining party, who were George B. Roberts, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Charles F. Mayer, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; E. P. Wilbur, President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad; A. A. McLeod, Vice-President of the Reading Railroad; Clement A. Griscom, President of the International Navigation Company; Judge Craig Biddle, Alexander J. Cassatt, A. J. Drexel, W. Hayward Drayton, John R. Fell, Rudulph Ellis, and George Blight.

"A special train was taken for Bryn Mawr, where carriages were waiting for the guests, who were driven to Wootton, where they were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Childs. After a short rest the party went out on a tour of inspection of the farm. The visitors were most impressed by Mr. Child's haystacks, which are considered the finest in the country. Several members of the party said they had not seen anything like these haystacks outside of England.

"When they came to the magnificent lawn of sixty acres, where so many of Mr. Child's guests have planted trees, Mr. Depew was particularly pleased with the way his tree was progressing, as well as that of his friend, Cornelius Vanderbilt, which stands just beside it. Mr. Childs told Mr. Choate he would be delighted to have him plant a tree on the other side of Mr. Depew's, and Mr. Choate agreed to do so this morning. This will make a group representing Messrs. Depew, Choate, and Cornelius Vanderbilt, who are fast friends; in fact they are as much devoted to one another as are Mr. Childs and Mr. Drexel.

"The dining-room where the table was spread is on the right of the hall, and is rather more splendidly furnished and decorated than that of the average farmer's house. The furnishing is in keeping with the general principles on which the house is built, that is to say, that they are rich and homelike without being in any degree ostentatious. The colors are cheerful and warm, and the bits of exquisite *bric-a-brac* adorned small tables, brackets, and cabinets placed here and there. The outlook is on the sloping lawn, with the roseries and the clumps of trees in the middle ground, and on the rolling hills beyond.

"The informal style which Mr. Childs adopts at his Farmers' Club dinners was, as usual, observed, and so that the wit, which forms so important a part of the dinners should be thoroughly enjoyed by everybody, there was a general exchange of places before the sorbet came on. President Roberts of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was the neighbor of President Corbin, of the Reading; and President Mayer, of the Baltimore and Ohio, the dinner being the first of which he has attended in this city, had for a companion A. A. McLeod, Vice-President of the Reading Railroad. Mr. George Blight, who has been a member of the Club for over forty years, and W. Hayward Drayton and Judge Biddle, who have been members for more than a quarter of a century, gave reminiscences of some of the earlier gatherings of the now famous dining organization, and one member said he had received this year $7000 rent for his farm. All of the twelve members, who compose the limit of club membership, were present, except Senator Cameron and Frederick Fraley, who were kept away by recent bereavements. It was nearly 7 o'clock when the diners knocked the ashes from their cigars and began to think about returning to the city. They left Wootton in time to catch the 7.48 train from Bryn Mawr.

"Mr. Joseph H. Choate and Mr. Charles F. Mayer remained with Mr. Childs over night, and General Horace Porter was Mr. Corbin's guest at his town house, Nineteenth and Walnut streets.

"The next dinner is to be held on November 5, at Mr. E. P. Wilbur's magnificent place at Bethlehem. Mr. Wilbur has one of the finest collections of chrysanthemums in the world, and he timed his dinner so that his guests could see his collection in full bloom.

"Mr. Childs had hoped that Mrs. Grover Cleveland would have been with him yesterday, but owing to the delay in receiving her furniture from Washington for her new home, she was unable to leave New York."

November 7, 1889.—The Club dined with Mr. Wilbur on the 7th. At 2 P. M. we left the station at Ninth and Green Streets, and after a beautiful ride through parts of Montgomery, Lehigh, and Northampton counties, reached Bethlehem about 4 o'clock. Mr. Wilbur is very fond of flowers, and this being the season for chrysanthemums, we first went to the greenhouse, where was made a most magnificent show of this choice plant. Great taste and skill were manifested in the color of the flowers and the arrangement of the plants. The house for roses was large, but there were few in bloom.

The house and grounds were finely situated and laid out, overlooking the beautiful scenery and busy manufactories of the Lehigh Valley.

After enjoying the flowers, we were driven to admire the most liberal gifts and bequests of the late Asa Packer—St. Luke's Hospital and the Lehigh University. The college buildings are very numerous and extensive, and well adapted to the purposes of education. The chapel is one of the finest structures in the State, and was erected by the daughter of Mr. Packer as a gift to the institution. A number of the Club visited the play-grounds and witnessed a game of foot-ball

The members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Clement Griscom, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. J. R. Fell, Mr. George Blight, and the host. We dined at 6 o'clock.

Among the guests were Mr. Austin Corbin, Mr. A. A. McLeod, President Lamberton, Mr. Joseph Wharton, Mr. Linderman, and the two sons of Mr. Wilbur.

We had a most cheerful dinner, and about 8.30 adjourned to dine with Justice Green on the 12th of December.

December.—The Club dined with Justice Green on the 12th at the Stratford Hotel, Broad and Walnut streets. Hon. J. Don Cameron was the only absentee.

The invited guests were Chief Justice Paxson, Mr. Baer, of Reading, Mr. William M. Singerly, Provost Pepper, of the University of Pennsylvania, and Mr. A. J. Drexel.

This noted hotel maintained its celebrity by furnishing us with a very handsome dinner. Owing to the death of Hon. Simon Cameron, the secretary was directed to correspond with Senator Cameron to know his wishes on the subject of giving his dinner in January. In reply he requested that it might be postponed until the spring. Mr. Drayton and Mr. Fraley took the intervening months.

January 8, 1890.—The Club met at the house of Mr. Drayton at 5.30 P. M. Present: Justice Green and Messrs. Fraley, Childs, Roberts, Fell, Griscom, Cassatt, and the host. Those absent were the Hon. J. Don Cameron, detained in Washington; Mr. Blight, unwell (gout); and Mr. E. P. Wilbur, sickness in his family. The president, Mr. Roberts, was in the chair, and Mr. Drayton, in the absence of Mr. Blight, acted as secretary. The only business transacted was the selection of the day for holding the next meeting, which was fixed for Thursday, February 13 at Mr. Fraley's.

The guests at dinner were Dr. Stillé, ex-Judge Brewster and Judge Hanna, Mr. David W. Sellers, and Messrs. Henry E. and W. H. Drayton. After enjoying a very fine dinner prepared and served by Martin Cowdrey, at his discretion, the members and guests took leave of the host.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

February 12, 1890.—The February meeting of the Club was held this day at No. 2017 De Lancey Place. On the invitation of Mr. Fred Fraley we assembled at 5.30 o'clock. Hon. J. Don Cameron was the only absentee, detained in Washington by his duties in the Senate. Owing to the death of his father, the Honorable Simon Cameron, his dinner had been postponed. Through Mr. C. A Griscom he intimated that he was now ready to entertain the Club. This invitation was cordially accepted by the members, and Thursday, March the 6th, was selected for the day of entertainment. The secretary was directed to notify Mr. Cameron of this action.

Mr. Blight, in connection with many other farmers and dairymen, on the day previous had witnessed the operation, newly discovered, of extracting butter from milk direct from the cow. This exhibition took place at Newark, New Jersey. He gave a brief description of the process, and expressed the opinion of those present—some forty persons—that it was a successful operation, and would cause a great revolution in the process of supplying the market with this article, now become so necessary to all families.

The invited guests were Judge Butler, Mr. M. H. Messchart of Berks County, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Joseph Fraley, Mr. William V. McKean, Mr. Sellers. Dinner was served at 6 o'clock, and was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. Adjourned about 10 P. M. to dine with Mr. Cameron in Washington.

Our fellow-member, Mr. Childs, having been elected President of our ancient Horticultural Society, we publish his address.

REMARKS OF MR. GEORGE W. CHILDS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: MY FELLOW-MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:

You have paid me a very great compliment by electing me President of your time-honored Society. It is, I believe, the oldest institution of the kind in the United States. It goes back over sixty years, and has a most creditable history. Among its founders

were such eminent Philadelphians as Dr. Chapman, George Pepper, John Vaughn, Joseph Hopkinson, Nicholas Biddle, Charles Chauncey, Matthew Carey, and David Landreth. Among its Presidents have been Horace Binney, Joseph R. Ingersoll, George Vaux, Caleb Cope, General Robert Patterson, Matthias W. Baldwin, and its munificent benefactor, William L. Schaffer, who occupied the chair during seventeen years.

In view of this brief recital, I must say again that your action in electing me your President to succeed such distinguished citizens is a very acceptable compliment indeed, and an honor I highly appreciate.

The Society has held sixty autumnal exhibitions; many hundred monthly shows of plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables; and has distributed nearly forty thousand dollars in premiums. During the last quarter century there has been a largely increased interest in horticulture, and there should be a corresponding increase in the scope and usefulness of our Society. It will be a pleasure to me to co-operate with you in the promotion of that object in every way in my power.

THE MEMBERS OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

The names are arranged as to the time of their election.

1847. Mr. George Blight, No. 1500 Pine Street.
1859. Judge Biddle, 2033 Pine Street.
1856. Mr. Fred. Fraley, 2017 De Lancey Place.
1865. Mr. W. H. Drayton, 1012 Spruce Street.
1878. Mr. Justice Green, Easton, Penna.
1876. Hon. J. Don Cameron, Harrisburg, Penna.
1884. Mr. George W. Childs, Bryn Mawr.
1886. Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Bethlehem.
1886. Mr. George B. Roberts, Bala, Montgomery Co.
1886. Mr. John R. Fell, Fort Washington.
1887. Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Haverford, Mont. Co.
1888. Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Haverford, Mont. Co.

1890.—The Club dined with Senator Cameron, in Washington, on the 6th of March; it was largely represented by Justice Green, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. George Blight, and the host. The absentees were Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Judge

Biddle, and Mr. W. H. Drayton. The weather was unusually cold and stormy; before arriving at Baltimore a snowstorm overtook us, but it cleared off, and the evening was fine and clear.

The invited guests were Senators Butler of South Carolina, Blackburn of Kentucky, Pugh of Alabama; Mr. Frank Thomson, Commissioner Roosevelt, and two other gentlemen.

Mr. Cameron's daughter, Miss Martha, about four years—one of the adopted daughters of the Club—was introduced—a pretty little girl, and one the Club has reason to be proud of. Before the gentlemen withdrew Mrs. Cameron made her appearance and remained until the guests said *adieu*.

About 11 o'clock the Club adjourned to dine with Mr. Clement A. Groscom in April.

April.—The Club dined with Mr. Clement A. Groscom on the 17th. The early spring gave Dolobran an attractive appearance, the flowers were in bloom, the fruit trees were in blossom, the fine Shropshire sheep, with the friskiness of the lambs, gave to the green lawns a beautiful effect, and to the whole establishment the charm of beauty. The weather was fine, and the cool breezes made the walk delightful. The stables were well filled with trained horses, and the other outbuildings were well arranged. The Guernsey cattle were in their stalls, looked well, and were in very comfortable quarters. Everything was in order—a place for everything and everything in its place.

The members present were Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Justice Green, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. George Blight, and the host. The absentees were Mr. Fred Fraley and Hon. J. Don Cameron, whose engagements were such as to prevent them from being present. Mr. Fell felt so unwell that he thought it advisable to return home.

The invited guests were Mr. Benjamin Brewster, of New York, Mr. Henry H. Rogers, Mr. D. Archbald, of New York, Mr. Joseph Potts, Mr. John H. Michener, Mr. Stephen A. Caldwell, Dr. John D. Griscom, Mr. Samuel Bettle, and Mr. Rudulph Ellis, all of Philadelphia.

We sat down, 18 in number, to a round table, and a jolly time we had. After a pleasant hour spent in the drawing-room we said adieu to Mr. Griscom, and reached our homes about 11 P. M.

The Club dined with Mr. Cassatt, on the 1st of May, at his fine farm in the Chester Valley.

The weather 'n the morning was most beautiful. Mr. Cassatt had invited us all to drive up to Chesterbrook in his four-in-hand coach, and to assemble at his town house at 1.45 P. M. Those whose arrangements were such as to enable them to do so were Judge Biddle, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, and Mr. Blight; of the invited guests were Senator Butler, of South Carolina, and Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky. We started in high glee; those apprehensive of the change in the weather feared that such might be the case before we reached our destination. Swiftly we drove through the Park and so on to Bryn Mawr and to Wayne, until we reached the Wayne Inn, where a change of horses awaited our arrival; off again we went, but had not proceeded far beyond the beautiful town of Wayne, when a high wind and hailstorm overtook us. Little provided for such a misfortune, we halted on our course, but in a few minutes it passed over, and we continued, not without giving us a severe drenching.

On our arrival at Chesterbrook a fine large fire was blazing for our reception, and soon all the misfortunes that had befallen us were forgotten.

Other members of the Club came up in the train, among whom were Mr. Fraley, Justice Green, Mr. Fell, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, and a number of invited guests, Mr. James P. Scott, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. W. A. Patton, Mr. David W. Sellers. Shortly after 6 o'clock we dined, 16 in number, and a very gay and joyous time we had. The rain continued during the afternoon and evening, and all the Club could do was to drive about the farm in a large omnibus viewing the horses in the pastures from a distance, without making any inspection or examination of the herd of fine Guernsey cattle which were in the stables. About 9 o'clock we took Mr. Robert's private car, and in a little over half an hour we reached our homes, thinking of the pleasant time we had had and forgetful of the storm. We dine in June with Mr. Roberts —the annual dinner—he having exchanged with Mr. Cassatt for convenience.

June, 1890.—The Club dined with Mr. Roberts on June 5th; we took the regular train for Bala at 4.27 and soon reached Pencoyd. The weather was delightful; the sun shone brightly on the close-cut grass, giving everything a very attractive appearance. Mr. Cameron was there, and all the other members of the Club, with the exception of Mr. E. P. Wilbur, who was detained at home by

slight indisposition. The improvements at the house and stable are all completed, but the greenhouse is to be enlarged.

The farm is used as a dairy farm, and the tenants send large quantities of milk to the city, but Mr. Roberts keeps four Jersey cows for his especial use, which are very beautiful animals.

The invited guests were Judge Logan, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Williams, Major Bent, of Harrisburg, General Powel, Mr. Shortridge. Shortly after six o'clock we dined, and a very pleasant time we had.

Mrs. Roberts and other ladies joined us at coffee, and at 9.30 we took the train for the city.

This being the annual meeting, Mr. George W. Childs was elected President for the ensuing year.

July 2, 1890.—With the return of July, the Club assembled at Andalusia, the country seat of Judge Biddle. For many years this has been the invariable custom, and I am glad to record the general attendance of the members. The weather was warm and clear when we left Chestnut St. wharf—worthy of the month. This continued until the hour of arrival, 3.30 P. M., when a sudden, dark cloud overshadowed our party, and a heavy shower took place. We experienced some difficulty in getting up to the house, the rain still continuing until the hour of our departure. The inspection of the fine herd of Guernsey cattle was impossible, but we enjoyed the beauties of the old homestead. Notwithstanding the storm we all greatly enjoyed the dinner. Everything passed off delightfully. Adjourned to dine with Justice Green at Easton, on the 6th of August.

Those present were Mr. George W. Childs, President; Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. Clement Griscom, Mr. George B. Roberts, Justice Green, George Blight, and the host. Those absent were Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Wilbur, and Senator Cameron.

On Thursday, August 7th, the Club dined with Justice Green at Easton. We left Ninth and Green Sts. at 2 P. M., in the private car of President McLeod, arriving at Easton at 3.30 P. M., where we found our host awaiting us with carriages in order that we might have an opportunity of seeing the beautiful country around the city before dinner. We were driven for several miles over a continuous ascent, each turn presenting some beautiful and extensive view, until we reached the *Paxanoma Inn*, so called after the celebrated Indian chief of the Lenni Lenape tribe, which possessed

he country in pre-revolutionary times. The view from the cupola of the hotel is probably unsurpassed by any in our State, comparing favorably even with that of the famous Catskill region. Having enjoyed our drive and the scenery, we were taken to dinner at the Judge's mansion, where Judge Biddle, Messrs. Fraley, Childs, Fell, Drayton, and Judge Reeder, Mr. Hartshorne, Vice-President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and Captain Green, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with Messrs. Broadhead and Harbst and Mr. Green of Easton, as guests, sat down to a capital dinner beautifully served. Having enjoyed the dinner and a merry chat together at the table, we afterwards inspected the orchard and grounds of the host, and at 9 o'clock P. M. we took the cars to our homes.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

September, 1890.—On the 25th the Club dined with Mr. Fell. The President of the Reading Railroad kindly placed at our disposal his car, and at two o'clock we left the city for Camp Hill Station, where Mr. Fell awaited our arrival. Before reaching the house we were driven around the neighborhood, noting the construction of the new railroad built by the Pennsylvania Railroad, tending from Downingtown to Trenton, and the many other attractions of the vicinity.

Within a few years Mr. Fell has added to his place a farm adjoining the homestead; this we visited, and saw several fine Guernsey cows, a young Jersey bull of unusual merit, and his farm management. Af five o'clock we dined, and a large number of his friends assembled to join in the enjoyment of the occasion. The members present were Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, George Blight, and the host. The invited guests were Mr. Richard McMurtrie, Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mr. Hartshorne of the Lehigh Valley, Dr. Duncan, Mr. Drexel, Mr. Lindley Smith.

October.—The October meeting of the Club was held at Wootton. On the invitation of Mr. George W. Childs, we took the train at Filbert St. and reached his beautiful country seat before four o'clock. The weather was most unfavorable; it rained heavily, and prevented us from seeing the improvement and alterations made since our last autumnal visit.

The members present were Mr. Frederick Fraley, Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. George Blight, and the host.

The invited guests were the Right Rev. Archbishop Ryan, the Rev. Mr. Blanchard, of St. James's Church, Mr. Du Chaillu, Mr. Drexel, Mr. John C. Bullitt, Mr. Singerly, Mr. McClure, Mr. Du Barry.

November.—The November meeting of the Club was held at South Bethlehem on the 13th. At 1 P. M. we left the station, Ninth and Green Sts, in the private car of the President of the Reading Railroad, and reached Bethlehem at 2.15. The weather was fine and the ride through the country was much enjoyed.

Mr. Wilbur, with carriages, awaited our arrival. We first drove to the conservatory, where we witnessed a grand display of chrysanthemums. One cannot imagine anything finer of its kind—one mass of flowers—it was like an arbor or floral room. The rose-house is all arranged, but the season for roses has not come for their perfection.

We then went to the church connected with the University, and admired the building and the beautiful windows, all of which were made in this country; thence to the foundries. These were in full operation, where we saw large shafts for large steamers being made. All this was very interesting to the members of the Club. At six o'clock we dined in a sumptuous manner, served by Martin Cowdry the caterer. The Secretary announced that Mr. Frank Thomson, of Merion Station, had extended to the Club an invitation to dine, and that a correspondence had arisen as to the day. It was finally settled on the 11th of December.

The members present were Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Childs, Justice Green, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Blight. Those absent were Judge Biddle, who was confined to the house by gout—his first attack—J. Don. Cameron, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, and Mr. Cassatt, who went on to New York to the great horse show.

Shortly after eight we took the train for Philadelphia, expecting to dine with the Secretary on the 18th of December.

The invited guests were Mr. Robert Sayre, Mr. McLeod, the President of the Reading Railroad, Mr. Joseph Wharton, Mr. Fritz, Lieut. Gugan, Mr. Delano, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Linderman, and the sons of Mr. Wilbur.

Mr. Frank Thomson's Dinner.—On the invitation of Mr. Frank Thomson, the Club dined at his beautiful residence on the 11th, at Merion Station. Some years ago the original house was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Thomson has rebuilt it in a very artistic style. The entertainment was very handsome, and the menu very original, among which were a saddle of English mutton, and a Virginia ham, which could not be surpassed, and I doubt equalled. The table (round) was ornamented with stuffed game, birds, pheasants and quail, of this country and England.

Members present were Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. G. W. Childs, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. J. Don. Cameron, and Mr. Blight. Those absent were Mr. Fraley, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. Clement A. Griscom.

The other invited guests were Senator Allison, Governor Patterson, Mr. Dubarry, Henry D. Welsh, Major Bent, B. B. Comegys, Senators Plumb and Sewell, Mr. Ackworth of England.

We returned to the city at 9.30; full moon, January 24th; meeting February; full moon 23d; meeting 19th.

On December 18, 1890, the Club dined at 1500 Pine Street, with the Secretary, Mr. Blight. Not occupying his homestead during the past summer, Mr. Blight proposed to take one of the winter months, exchanging with Justice Green, who wished to have the Club at Easton in August.

The members present were Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. John R. Fell, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. E. P. Wilbur. The absentees were Mr. G. B. Roberts, detained by a bad cold; Hon. J. Don Cameron and Mr. Clement A. Griscom.

The invited guests were Mr. George Brooke, of Birdsboro, Mr. M. H. Messchert, Mr. McMurtrie, Mr. Murray Rush, Mr. Alfred Kay, Mr. Robert Milligan.

After enjoying an excellent dinner, we adjourned to meet at Mr. Drayton's on the 22d of January.

January, 1891.—The January meeting of the Club was held on the 22d at 1012 Spruce Street, Mr. William H. Drayton being the host of the evening. We assembled at six o'clock. Those present were Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. George Blight, and the host. Those absent were Mr. John R. Fell, detained by engagement; Mr.

Clement A. Griscom in Washington, on business, and Mr. George B. Roberts, too unwell to be out. The invited guests were Dr. J. M. Keating, Gen. Baldy Smith, Mr. McMurtrie, Mr. Henry E. Drayton, and Mr. Edward S. Buckley.

Miss Annie Coleman, one of the adopted daughters of the Club, had been very thoughtful in sending to Mr. Drayton a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the dinner, and Mr. Childs, a charming basket of flowers from Wootton for the centre of the table.

After a delightful dinner we adjourned to dine with Mr. J. Don Cameron, in Washington, on the 19th of February.

The Club were invited to dine with Senator Cameron on the 19th of February, but owing to the death of Gen. Sherman, the uncle of Mrs. Cameron, the invitation was recalled, and the dinner postponed.

April, full moon, 24th; meeting 23d.

March.—The Club dined with Mr. Fraley on the 23d, the month usually assigned to him. There was a general attendance.

The members present were Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. Clement Griscom, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, and Mr. George Blight. Those absent were Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. W. H. Drayton, owing to the death of his uncle, and Mr. Cameron.

The invited guests were Mr. Ridgeway, Mr. W. V. McKean, of the *Ledger*, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. M. H. Messchert, Mr. Creary, Mr. Fraley's son. We dined at half-past six.

After a most agreeable dinner, adjourned to meet at Mr. Griscom's on the 23d of April.

During the month of April no meeting was held. This month was assigned to Mr. Clement A. Griscom, and invitations were sent out for the 23d, but before the arrival of that date, Mr. Griscom was suddenly called to sail for Liverpool, and most reluctantly put off his dinner; he expected to return in time to have his friends about him in June, and has taken that month in place of Mr. Cassatt, whose family are at present in mourning.

May.—The Club dined with Mr. Roberts on the 23d. We left the city at 5.10 P. M. and soon reached Pencoyd.

The members present were Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. Clement Griscom, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr. W. Heyward Drayton, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. George Blight, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. E. P. Wilbur. Those absent were Mr. Cameron and Mr. Cassatt. The invited guests were Mr. Williams,

[r. Huff, Member of Congress, Chief Justice Paxson, Mr. Shipley, ıstice Clark, Mr. Shortridge.

The month of May had been unusually dry and warm; the ırmers and those having gardens were longing for rain. The day as cloudy and threatening, and before we returned to the city we a slight shower. Mr. Robert's place made a beautiful appear- ıce, kept in such neat order. We took our usual walk to view ıe fine scenery of the surrounding country, and on our way ex- nined the fine Jersey stock—kept for Mr. Robert's family use— ımirably cared for. We dined about 6 P. M., and much enjoyed ır dinner. At 9.30 P. M. took the train and returned to Phila- ælphia, expecting to dine with Mr. Griscom on the 18th of June.

June.—The Club on the 18th of June dined with Mr. Griscom. 'e left the city at 5.05 P. M. From Haverford College Station ırriages soon brought us to Dolobran, and by our host a hearty elcome was extended. The weather was cloudy and threatening; e all rejoiced in the happy escape of the great heat which we had ıdured for the past four days. It was a change of thirty degrees. We dined at 7 o'clock. The dining-room was large and all its ppointments were of the newest style.

The guests present were Mr. Griscom, Judge Biddle, Mr. G. B. oberts, Mr. Michener, Mr. Dolan, Captain Watkins, Mr. Wayne [acVeagh, Mr. Ellis, Mr. W. D. Winsor, Mr. R. B. Ellison, Mr. 'ayton, Mr. F. Fraley, Mr. B. Blight, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Mr. J. '. Potts, Mr. Morton P. Henry, Mr. Barnes, Judge Fell, Judge reen, Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. H. H. Houston, Hon. J. Don. ameron, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Dolan.

A most agreeable time we had. Adjourned at 9.15 P. M., to eet at Andalusia on the 16th of July.

Mr. Griscom was very thoughtful in having his fine herd of uernsey cattle in the field adjacent to the house, so as not to com- el his guests to walk far on a June day. Beautiful they were, ıoice in quality, showing a great desire to have them just such as ıey ought to be; in fact, everything is of this character about ıis place, whatever it may be—horses, cows, dogs, dairy, lawn, ırden and trees. It is a great pleasure to one fond of the country) see such good taste displayed in all matters appertaining to ıs home.

The members present were Mr. George W. Childs, Hon. J. Don. ameron, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. John R. Fell, Mr.

William H. Drayton, Mr. Fred. Fraley, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. George Blight.

July.—The Farmers' Club dined with Judge Biddle on the 16th, being the twenty-sixth consecutive occasion of their doing so; ever since the suppression of the Rebellion in this month of July we have made our annual visit to Andalusia. This cannot be said of any other member. While our meetings have been regular, the days of holding them have varied; the change of months has occurred, but the Judge has held on to July without variation; such we hope may be the case for many years to come.

The Burlington boat at two o'clock landed us safely at Andalusia —a very pleasant sail of over an hour—and, as he has been wont to do, the host received us at the portals. The weather was fine—a July day—without excessive heat. The old place looked very attractive—was the admiration of us all, and especially to those who, for this long period, had been in the habit of coming. We, of course, carefully examined the herd of Guernsey cattle; this was among the earliest imported, Mr. Nicholas Biddle having bought them on the vessel that imported them, about the year 1840, and since that period this class has been retained with various changes of bulls. Your Secretary can well recall their appearance, as they were exhibited at the Agricultural Fair, at the Rising Sun Village, when Mr. Nicholas Biddle was President of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture. They were dark in color. This accounts for the two or three we noticed among them. With time this herd has improved, and the calves are much sought for by the farmers of Bucks county.

The members present were Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. Griscom, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. Fraley, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Justice Green, Mr. Blight, and the host. Eight members. Absent: President Wilbur, Mr. John R. Fell, and Mr. Cameron.

We dined at four o'clock, and after an agreeable dinner returned by rail to the city at 7.15 P. M., having had a most delightful time.

August.—The Club dined on the 20th with Justice Green at his beautiful residence at Easton. We left the city at 12 M.; only four members were able to avail themselves of this invitation: Messrs. Childs, Fraley, and Drayton, with the Secretary. The weather was delightful, not very warm, and the trip was rapidly made in the private car of the President of the Reading Railroad.

The invited guests were Chief Justice Paxson and Mrs. Paxson, Mr. McLeod, Judges Fell and Gordon, Mr. Singerly, Mr. Sage, of Easton, Mr. Broadhead, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Green's son.

On our arrival carriages awaited to take us a beautiful drive to the Paxanoma House, some two miles distant. This is a large hotel for summer resort, and is well patronized by the Philadelphians and the surrounding cities and towns. The Justice's house is beautifully situated on an eminence, surrounded by a garden, well filled with fruit and vegetables. His peach trees were covered with fruit; no reason why this region should not aid in supplying the market; his pastures are detached from the house, where his cows are fed.

We dined at 5 o'clock, and at 8 P. M. took the train for the city, arriving before 10 o'clock, having had a most satisfactory day.

The September meeting of the Farmers' Club was held near Fort Washington, at the farm and home of Mr. John R. Fell. We left the city at 4 P. M. in the private car of the President of the Reading Railroad, and in a half hour we reached the beautiful residence of our host. The members present were Mr. G. W. Childs, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Judge Biddle, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Fraley, Justice Green, Mr. George Blight, and the host. The invited guests were Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. A. A. McLeod, Mr. James W. Paul, Jr., Dr. Alexander Biddle, Dr. Newberry, Mr. R. M. Cadwalader, Mr. Beauveau Borie, Mr. Lindley Smith, and Dr. H. M. Howe, in all 17. During the past fortnight the weather had been unusually warm, more like that we are accustomed to have during the month of July. The day was no exception. There being nothing especially new since our last visit, we made no inspection of the grounds and farm.

During the past summer Mr. Fell has not been very well, and much engaged in making additions to his house; a large dining-room has been added, 37 x 27 feet. This room is quite unique, much like a room in a baronial castle, no plaster being used; large open fire-place, windows of that period, and the joists of the ceiling being open and visible. It recalled to my mind the dining-room of Haddon Hall, where festivities were held in honor of the heir coming of age, or his marriage. We dined in this apartment most sumptuously; the reed birds being admirably cooked, nor were any of the nobles of old able to compete with Mr. Fell in the cuisine. At 8 o'clock we returned to the city in the same private car, having much enjoyed the day.

October.—The Club dined at Wootton on the 15th. We left the city at 2.15, and reached Mr. Childs's beautiful place before 3 o'clock. We were first driven to the stable, which had been rebuilt since our last visit, the former one having been destroyed by fire. To say this is a complete building for the purposes designed, is utterly inadequate. It is in every way commodious, with all the modern improvements. Thence to the farm and dairy; these delighted the gentlemen, many of whom had never seen them; a stream of delicious water rises and flows through the dairy; several cows are kept, of the Jersey and Holstein breeds, all good animals. The vegetable garden was large, and gave an ample supply. Sugar beets of very large growth were shown; they are used for the cattle during the winter season.

The lawn of 60 acres is admirably kept; the grass is cut twice each week; it may be called a velvet sod; the growing trees, planted by many distinguished men, are growing finely; in fact the place is kept in order to the satisfaction of the most critical eye. We dined at 5 o'clock. The members present were Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. W. H. Drayton, Mr. Wilbur, Judge Biddle, Mr. Cameron, Mr. George Blight, and the host; the invited guests were Mayor Stuart, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. McLeod, Dr. Shakespeare, Mr. L. Clarke Davis, of the *Ledger*, Mr. Rudulph Ellis. After an agreeable chat with the ladies assembled in the parlor, at 8.47 we returned to the city.

On Thursday, November 12th, the Club and some of the guests left the depot of the Reading Railroad, Ninth and Green Streets, at 2 P. M., in the private car of the President of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, to dine with Mr. Wilbur. The day was not a favorable one, but the Club and guests were very little inconvenienced, owing to the capital provision made by our host for our comfort.

The Secretary is indebted to Mr. Wilbur for the following interesting account of our visit to the Bethlehem Iron Company's works:—

MEMORANDUM

Relating to the visit of The Farmers' Club to the Bethlehem Iron Company's Works, November 12, 1918.

The members of the Club were received by Mr. E. P. Wilbur and the officers of The Bethlehem Iron Company, and taken at once to the ordnance branch to inspect the operations of the manufacture of heavy ordnance, armor, shafting, etc.

In the press-forge both hydraulic forging presses were at work, and an open hearth heat ready for tapping. After an inspection of the finished forgings for a spare piston-rod for the 125-ton hammer (which weighed about 40,000 pounds) and a propeller-shaft for Cruiser No. 12, weighing 35,000 pounds, the presses were started upon the following:—

Press No. 1, roughing down an ingot for a 10-inch army breech-loading rifle; weight of the rough forged tube, 25,000 pounds.

Press No. 2, part of the finishing heat of a stern shaft for Cruiser No. 12; weight, 32,600 pounds.

After this the Club witnessed the tapping of Furnace No. 3 (open hearth) and the pouring of its 80,000 pounds of metal into the travelling ladle, from which were cast two ingots; a 35-inch round for gun-hoops and a 30-inch round for breech-blocks and spindles. The former was compressed while in a liquid state in the powerful fluid-compression plant.

In the magnificent machine shop (No. 2) the members found themselves surrounded by every character of forging, from a 2-inch test-specimen one-half inch in diameter, to a tube for a 13-inch navy breech-loading rifle, weighing in its rough machined state 60,000 pounds; crank shafts weighing 22,000 pounds; navy 12-inch gun-jackets of 43,000 pounds weight, together with gun-forgings of all sizes and weights; two finished guns with their carriages (one 6-inch and one 8-inch) for the Company's proving-grounds; connecting rods; piston-rods; propeller, thrust, line and other shafting; engine columns; armor plate—all being fitted and shaped in the turning-lathes, boring-machines, planer, slotters, shapers, and drills, and moved about with ease by the powerful pneumatic cranes.

From Machine Shop No. 2 the Club moved to the hammer-forge, where, under the mighty 125-ton steam hammer, a 50-ton ingot was cogged down for a 13-inch plate. The red-hot mass of steel was taken from the heating furnace by the 250-ton cranes which serve the hammer, and quietly laid upon the anvil for the ponderous blows of the 125-ton tup and piston-rod with a stroke of 16½ feet. The scale flew like a shower of bullets, but the ingot easily yielded to the blows.

From the hammer-forge a visit was made to the armor-shaping shop, where saws and planers machine the plates to the required dimensions.

Having completed this interesting visit, the Club were driven to the residence of Mr. Wilbur, and there met for the usual routine business. There were present of the Club Judge Biddle, and Messrs. Fraley, Childs, Roberts, Griscom, Drayton, and the host. who, also being President of the Club, occupied the chair; those absent were Justice Green, Messrs. Blight, Cassatt, Cameron, and Fell. In the absence of Mr. Blight, Mr. Drayton acted as Secretary. Mr. Wilbur informed the Club that he had received a note from Miss Blight telling him of the sudden illness of her father. The next meeting being Mr. Blight's turn, was fixed for December 10th. There being no other business the Club adjourned for dinner. In addition to the members of the Club there were present, as guests, Mr. A. A. McLeod, President of the Reading Railroad Company, Dr. R. A. Lamberton, President Lehigh University, Mr. Robert P. Linderman, President of the Bethlehem Iron Company, and Messrs. Joseph Wharton, Beauveau Borie, John Fritz, Samuel Dickson, Warren A. Wilbur, Rollin H. Wilbur, J. Davis Broadhead, and R. Morris Gunmere. The dinner was served delightfully with the delicacies of the season, and the table ornamented with a magnificent display of chrysanthemums, which were divided among the guests as they left the room to enjoy the society of the ladies of the family for a short time before taking the cars to return to their homes.

W. H. DRAYTON,
Secretary pro tem.

MEMORANDUM

For a Minute Concerning the Dinner of the Farmers' Club at Senator Cameron's, 21 Lafayette Square, Washington, D. C., January 14, 1892.

The Club met at 7 o'clock. Present, the host, Senator Cameron, Mr. George W. Childs, Mr. George B. Roberts, and Mr. C. A. Griscom.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Childs was elected temporary Chairman, and in the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Griscom was elected to act as Secretary for this meeting.

Owing to the absence of the Secretary there was no minute of the previous Club meeting read.

Thursday, February 11th, being the Thursday next to full moon, was selected for the day of the next meeting, subject to the convenience of Mr. Fraley, with whom Mr. Griscom was requested to

communicate and ascertain whether it was convenient for him to give the February dinner.

The guests invited to meet the members of the Club at Senator Cameron's, all of whom were present, were:—

Ex-Speaker Reed.
U. S. Senators Allison, Blackburn, Brice, Hale, and McMillan.
Representative Breckinridge, of Kentucky.
Hon. George S. Boutwell.
Colonel Morrison, ex-Member of Congress, and Interstate Commerce Commissioner.
General McCook, Secretary U. S. Senate.

The dinner was beautifully served, and was very bright and sparkling, being enlivened by the wit and humor of the distinguished guests above named.

The members who attended the dinner were the guests of Mr. Roberts in his private car, and their trip was made both agreeable and interesting through his hospitality.

Mr. C. A. Griscom very kindly acted as Secretary of this meeting.

Reprint of a Newspaper Clipping Inserted in Minute Book

Philadelphia, Saturday, June 18, 1892

THE FARMERS' CLUB

AN ACCOUNT OF THIS UNIQUE ORGANIZATION

One of the most unique organizations to be found in this country, or in the world, is the Farmers' Club, of Philadelphia, whose reputation for hospitality is international and world-wide. It resembles somewhat in its nature, if it is possible to find an approximate or just simile, those groups of beaux, wits, authors and politicians whose fashion it was to assemble nightly more than 150 years ago in the coffee houses of London and indulge in those conversations which have their echo even in the present days. It is, however, only by a stretch of euphemistic imagination that it is permissible to call this distinguished body of famous men a Farmers' Club, and to the average hard-working tiller of the soil the name must appear as a bitter piece of irony. But doubt-

less the latter comforts himself by softly murmuring as he pauses in ploughing his field:

When Adam delved and Eve span,
Who was then the gentleman?

The membership of the Farmers' Club is gathered from the representative citizens of Philadelphia and the State, and is limited to twelve. Each member gives one dinner a year and has a regular month assigned to him, in which he delights to honor and entertain his brethren. Nearly all of these own magnificent country seats and large estates in the vicinity of the city, and in the matter of registered cattle, thoroughbred horses, irreproachable stables, cool and capacious dairies, magnificent barns, blooded farm stock and acres dedicated to the cultivation of rare fruits and flowers, are as princely a collection of "farmers" as can be found in the world. But it must be confessed that no small fortune is necessary to the owner in order that the name may be justified. Unique in its membership, the Farmers' Club is also unique in the character of the guests who are invited to be present at the monthly dinners, and the aggregation of wealth, wit and wisdom which is frequently gathered around the same table can be seldom equalled elsewhere.

The club, however, was not formed for the promotion of social pleasures only. When the organization was effected, in 1847, the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture was engaged in a very active, valuable work, and was desirous of furthering, by all possible means, its sphere of usefulness. It was proposed that many advantageous suggestions could be gained by monthly visits to the farms of the members, and for that reason the Club was considered as an auxiliary to the society. Among those who took part in its formation were David Landreth, Dr. Alfred Elwyn, James Gowen, Phillip R. Freas, Owen Sheridan, James S. Huber, Algernon S. Roberts, Charles W. Harrison, Samuel C. Ford, Caspar Sharpless, Isaac Pearson, John S. Haines, Harry Ingersoll and George Blight.

The first meeting was held at Devonshire Place in June, 1847, and a majority of the founders above named were present. Two years later the Club was reorganized as a permanent organization, and regular meetings were arranged and assigned. From the "Introductory" to the published volume of the "Minutes

the Farmers' Club, 1860–1890," the following interesting ex-
ıct is taken.

"At the time of the formation of this club railroads were not
merous, and afforded but little convenience to local travel.
large assemblage of carriages and horses was, therefore, quite
feature of the meetings. The usual hour of arrival was mid-
y, and after luncheon the gentlemen present would take a
ılk about the farm, commenting upon the crops, cattle and gen-
ıl aspect of affairs. Dinner was served at 3 o'clock, and, as
ıny members had a long distance to drive, it adjourned at 8,
:urning by the light of the moon. In June, 1860, Mr. Blight
ıs elected Secretary, and with the exception of the years he was
road, has always acted as such. With but few exceptions
r meetings were held until July, 1861, when our unfortunate
ır was raging, and were abandoned until peace should be re-
›red." The introductory also gave a list of those gentlemen
ıo have been members of the Club, but who were not among
e founders. Among these are the names of John Wilkinson,
e Principal of the Agricultural School on Mr. Gowen's farm;
·. James McCrea, Dr. John Biddle, Dr. Edward Pearce, Dr.
ıarles R. King, Dr. William Camac, Asa Packer, S. V. Merrick,
hn Price Wetherill, W. G. Moorhead, Samuel Reeves, Wilmer
ınnell and Charles K. Kelly.

The theme of the conversations among the early members
ıs strictly pertinent to the object of the Club. During the sec-
:aryship of Mr. P. R. Freas he published in the Germantown
legraph long reports of the proceedings.

To pursue the history of this delightful Club from those days
wn to the present year would be an interesting task, but it
too well known to need such repetition. Owing to its frequent
:etings, the proceedings have been kept well before the public,
ıo have always, owing to the prominent character of the mem-
rs, evinced a profound interest in their doings.

An important epoch was, however, reached last April, when
e Club met at the town residence of Mr. A. J. Cassatt. On
is occasion an important letter from Mr. George Blight was
:eived by the host and read by the Secretary. The following
an extract: "I regret exceedingly that I cannot dine with
e Farmers' Club at your house; but you may be aware that I
d an illness last autumn, which prevents my joining the Farm-

ers' Club at their meetings. I am the oldest member of the Club; I do not wish to resign, but my desire would be that you would add a new member, and allow me to come in whenever I am able. Please propose this to the members at the meeting at your house."

Great regret was expressed at the sentiment of the note, but it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Blight should be regarded in future as an honorary member, with the privilege of attending all the meetings of the Club. When the Club again met, at "Pencoyd Farm," the seat of Mr. George B. Roberts, the following minute was prepared and read:

"It is proper to treat the resignation of Mr. Blight with more than ordinary consideration. He was one of the founders of the Club, and has been for many years the only one continuing a member. It is not an exaggeration to say that no one of us has taken so great an interest as our dear friend in everything connecting us with agriculture and farm occupations. For a period of more than thirty years he was perpetual Secretary and probably no member was so familiar with the peculiarities which distinguish the finer breeds of cattle, or with the indicating marks of the best among them. A courteous gentleman, a cordial and affectionate companion, we part with him with profound regret."

In the place of Mr. Blight, Mr Rudulph Ellis, who possesses a magnificent farm near Bryn Mawr, was elected active member. It is, however, a source of great pleasure to all that Mr. George Blight, whose connection with the Club, as set forth in the minute, has been so long and so honorable, will not be entirely missing from its ranks. His health has become much improved, and it is sincerely hoped that many more sessions will be graced by his genial presence.

The latest dinner of the Farmers' Club was held on Thursday evening, at Dolobran, near Haverford, the home of the President, Mr. Clement A. Griscom. The day happened to be very fine, and the hours before dinner were most delightfully and profitably occupied in strolling around the grounds and inspecting the farm stock. The members present were Judge Green, Judge Biddle, George B. Roberts, A. J. Cassatt, Frederic Fraley, George W. Childs, Rudulph Ellis and the Host. The guests included the Hon. John Wanamaker, Postmaster General; William E. Marsily,

of Antwerp; Colonel Joseph D. Potts; Wayne MacVeagh; General W. J. Sewell; William H. Barnes; Judge James A. Logan; H. H. Houston; Charles H. Cramp and Samuel Bettle.

When the cigars were lighted the health of the Postmaster General was proposed and heartily responded to. In a neatly worded reply, Mr. Wanamaker thanked the company for the compliment and declared that he considered it a great honor to be a guest at so distinguished a gathering. Mr. Griscom then toasted, in cordial appreciative words, the venerable Mr. Fraley, who so recently completed his 88th birthday. The latter replied in suitable and graceful terms, and expressed the gratification which he felt for the love and sympathy of his fellow members. Mr. Wayne MacVeagh also spoke in his usual happy vein.

The business of the Club was then proceeded with. Mr. Griscom, the host, was elected President for the ensuing year, and Mr. Childs Permanent Secretary. Loud demands were made for a speech from the latter, but he merely bowed his acknowledgment.

The following are the dates of the dinners for the next twelve months: July, Judge Biddle; August, Judge Green; September, John R. Fell; October, George W. Childs; November, E. P. Wilbur; December, Rudolph Ellis; January, W. H. Drayton; February, J. Donald Cameron; March, Frederick Fraley; April, Clement A. Griscom; May, George B. Roberts; June, A. J. Cassatt.

1892.—The Club dined with Mr. Roberts at Pencoyd, May 19th.

Members present: A. J. Cassatt, C. A. Griscom, F. Fraley, W. H. Drayton, Judge Green, Judge Biddle, J. D. Cameron. The invited guests were H. H. Houston, H. D. Welsh, Judge Logan, Hon. T. F. Bayard, Wayne MacVeigh, W. L. Elkins, Allan Wood, R. Ellis, Mr. Eskens, N. P. Shortridge, Thos. Williams.

NOTE.—The copy of the above minutes was handed the writer, December 12, 1894.

R. E.

The Farmers' Club met at Andalusia, the residence of Judge Biddle, June 27, 1892. Members present were Messrs. Fraley, Cassatt, Ellis, Wilbur, Judge Green and Biddle.

In the absence of the President and Secretary, Mr. Fraley and Mr. Ellis were elected to fill their places.

Judge Biddle presented to the Club the resignation of W. Heyward Drayton, Esq., who stated that his health required

him to abstain from dining out. On motion it was resolved that the Secretary transmit to Mr. Drayton, a copy of the following Minute to be placed on the records of the Club.

Resolved.—That the Club accepts with the most unfeigned regret the resignation of Mr. Drayton. That their long and agreeable association with him has inspired them with the highest esteem for his character and a warm personal regard which makes the breaking of this social tie unusually painful. That they trust that his health may soon be reëstablished and that he may long be spared to his friends and the public.

Mr. Fraley changed the date of his dinner to January and gave up March. Judge Green's dinner was fixed for Thursday, August 18th, at Easton, Pa.

Invited guests: Messrs. James S. Biddle, Chas. Biddle, Morton P. Henry, Samuel H. Thomas, John K. Valentine, R. C. McMurtrie.

February, 1893.—The Farmers' Club dined with Mr. John R. Fell at his residence, South Broad Street, on Thursday, February 2nd. Among those present were Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. John C. Bullitt, Justice Green, Mr. George W. Childs, Judge Biddle, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Dr. Alexander Biddle, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Col. Edward Morrell and Mr. Lindley Smyth. The next meeting was to have been held at Senator Cameron's, but the Secretary received a telegram from him stating that as his wife was ill in Florida, it would be impossible for him to fix a date.

March, 1893.—Senator Cameron's date but no dinner owing to illness of the host.

May, 1893.—The Farmers' Club met at Haverford, the residence of Mr. Griscom, May 25th. Members present were Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. George B. Roberts, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Hon. J. D. Cameron, Mr. George W. Childs, Judge Green, Mr. J. R. Fell, Mr. Frederick Fraley, Mr. Rudulph Ellis. Invited guests: Messrs. Thomas Dolan, L. Clarke Davis, P. A. B. Widener, H. H. Houston, W. H. Barnes, Samuel Bettle, Wm. F. Harrity, Eugene Kreglinger of Antwerp and Henry H. Rogers of New York.

The next meeting was arranged for Thursday, June 1st, at Mr. Roberts' residence, Bala.

June 23, 1893.—The Club dined with Mr. Cassatt as Host at Chesterbrook. Members present: Mr. Fraley, Mr. Childs, Judge

Biddle, Mr. Fell, Judge Green, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Cassatt. The invited guests were Christopher Columbus, the Duke de Veragua, Marquis Barboles, Marquis Vellabobar, Hon. W. F. Harrity, Wm. M. Singerly, David W. Sellers, P. A. B. Widener, Jos. S. Harris, Lieut. E. B. Cassatt.

NOTE.—The above minutes were not received from Mr. Cassatt until after Mr. Roberts had sent an account of his dinner. The writer had no reason to think that both dinners were given the same month. R. E.

June 1, 1893.—The Club dined with Mr. Roberts at his country residence, Pencoyd. Members present were Judge Biddle, G. W. Childs, Fred Fraley, C. A. Griscom, E. P. Wilbur, G. B. Roberts. Members absent: A. J. Cassatt, Senator Cameron, J. R. Fell, Wayne MacVeagh and R. Ellis. Mr. Roberts had as guests B. B. Comegys, W. H. Barnes, H. D. Welsh, H. H. Houston, C. E. Pugh, Percival Roberts, Jr., J. T. Harris, Judge Paxson, C. W. Henry, T. Williams, Jr., Judge Logan, Charles F. Mayer, L. Bent, George Philler, Gen. Thayer, J. P. Green, Charles Hartshorne, S. M. Prevost, H. L. Carter, G. Brinton Robert, J. B. Gest, D. E. Williams, Gen. Sewall.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

NOTE.—Made up from information given me by Mr. Roberts.

Thursday, July 27, 1893.—The Club met at Andalusia. The members present were Mr. Fraley, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Judge Green, Judge Biddle. Mr. Childs and Mr. Fell were kept away by the recent death of Mr. A. J. Drexel, Mr. Cameron was in Europe. Mr. MacVeagh by domestic affliction, the recent death of his son. Mr. Griscom was in Europe and Mr. Wilbur away. The invited guests were Gen. W. F. Smith, R. C. McMurtrie, James S. Biddle, Samuel Dickson, Charles S. Biddle, John K. Valentine, Samuel H. Thomas.

A week or more after the invitations had been sent out, as usual, to come by the steamboat Columbia from Chestnut street wharf, that boat decided to run to Burlington without stopping, to see how quickly she could make the trip. It seems it was the 103rd anniversary of a similar trip by the "John Fitch." The guests, therefore, were requested to take the 1:50 train to Andalusia station.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

October 19, 1893.—The Club met and dined at Foxhill, the country home of Mr. Rudulph Ellis. Members present besides the Host, Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Griscom. After reading the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, the 23rd of November was selected as the day for the next meeting of the Club and Mr. E. P. Wilbur as Host. The place of meeting was left with Mr. Wilbur as he thought it might be more enjoyable to have the Club dine in Philadelphia. After the meeting adjourned, dinner was announced and the following guests joined the members of the Club in the dining room. Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. Wm. Winsor, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Mr. Lincoln Godfrey, Mr. Stuart Patterson, Hon. A. L. Snowden, Dr. Gerhard, Mr. Charles Ferning of New York, Mr. J. I. Waterbury of New York.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

November 23, 1893.—The Club met at the Stratford Hotel, Mr. E. P. Wilbur host. The following members present: Mr. Fraley, Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom and Mr. Ellis. After reading the Minutes of the previous meeting, the question of with whom the Club would dine in December was taken up. Mr. Cassatt having expressed the wish to have the members meet at his town residence, it was agreed that the matter be left in his hands, he to arrange it with Mr. Childs, the Secretary. The following gentlemen were Mr. Wilbur's guests at dinner, (the hour 7 o'clock): Judge Paxson, Baron Von Lier, Mr. Sidney Tyler, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. McAlpine, Mr. Warren Wilbur, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

December, 1893.—The Club met and dined with Mr. Cassatt at his town house, 202 West Rittenhouse Square, Thursday, 21st day. Members present: Mr. Fraley, Mr. Childs, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Fell, Mr. Cassatt. The invited guests were Mr. P. S. Hutchinson, Mr. J. C. Bullitt, Mr. David W. Sellers, Mr. F. Thomson.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

NOTE.—I was appointed Secretary of the Club on the 3rd of May, 1894, to succeed Mr. George W. Childs. The vacancy was caused by his death.

The minutes and papers of the Farmers' Club had been confided during Mr. Childs' service as Secretary, to his clerk. I found everything in confusion and practically no minutes kept of the meetings of the Club, and nothing to guide me in making them up.

RUDULPH ELLIS,
Secretary.

March 17, 1894.—The Club was entertained in Washington at the Metropolitan Club, by Senator Cameron. He was unfortunately confined to his room, and was represented at the table by his son, Mr. James Cameron. The members of the Club did not hold the usual meeting before dinner. Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cassatt and Mr. Ellis were the only members present. The following gentlemen were the guests of Senator Cameron at dinner: Senator Blackburn, Representative Reed, Senator Walcott, Representative Allen, Senator Brice, Representative Wadsworth, Senator Gray, Mr. Frank Thomson, Senator Daniel, Mr. James Cameron, Senator Lodge.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

May 13, 894.—The Club dined at the country residence of Mr. Griscom. (Owing to Mr. Griscom's absence in Europe, he could not entertain the Club in April.) The members present were Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Senator Cameron, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom and Mr. Ellis. Judge Biddle offered the following:

"The private and social character of our Club having prevented us except as individuals, from uniting in the many public tributes of respect to the character and worth of our late member, Mr. George W. Childs, we desire to place on our Minutes an expression of our regard. His great amiability and sincerity of character endeared him to us all, and we most sincerely regret to have lost from our circle, one so genial and attractive as a friend and companion."

Mr. Roberts read a communication from Mr. Tucker, Secretary of the Philadelphia Board of Trade concerning a dinner to be given to Mr. Fraley, one of our members. On motion, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Ellis were appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Tucker and report at the next meeting of the Club. Mr. Griscom read a letter from Mr. Fraley, regretting his inability to join the Club at his house and sending cordial salutations to

the members and to Mr. Griscom's quests. On motion Mr. Ellis was appointed Secretary of the Club, a vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Childs. Mr. Griscom's guests were H. H. Houston, W. H. Barnes, Frank Thomson, Charles C. Harrison, Charles H. Cramp, P. A. Widener, Thomas Dolan, Wm. L. Elkins, General W. J. Sewall, John I. Waterbury, George Philler, C. A. Griscom, Jr., and R. E. Griscom.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 17, 1894.—The Club dined with Mr. Roberts at Pencoyd at half-past six o'clock. The members present were Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts, on the part of the committee of the Philadelphia Board of Trade and other organizations, reported that the details concerning the dinner to be given to Mr. Fraley, one of our members, on his 90th birthday had been completed; and that Judge Biddle would report for the Farmers' Club. No further business, the members adjourned to the dining room. The following guests were present: Charles H. Cramp, Charles E. Pugh, John P. Green, P. A. B. Widener, William L. Elkins, William H. Barnes, H. H. Houston, D. E. Williams, G. Brinton Roberts, Henry D. Welsh, J. C. Strawbridge, Thomas Williams, Luther Bent, Dundas Lippincott, Charles Henry, Edward W. Clark, Charles F. Mayer, C. Stuart Patterson, J. A. Logan, George Brooke, Dr. Wm. Pepper, M. S. Prevost.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 14, 1893.—The Club met at Mr. Cassatt's, Chesterbrook Farm. Members present: Senator Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Fell, Mr. Ellis, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt. Members absent: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Fraley, Mr. MacVeagh.

After the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, the election of a Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Childs was taken up and Mr. Ellis was selected. On motion Judge Biddle was appointed President of the Club for the ensuing year. No further business being offered, the Club members adjourned to join Mr. Cassatt's guests, who had been spending a very pleasant hour looking over his

farm and his collection of valuable horses. The guests were Hon. Thomas Reed of Maine, Hon. John Allen of Mississippi, Mr. Charles H. Cramp, Mr. Lincoln Godfrey, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. George Tucker Bispham, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. William D. Winsor, Mr. George Philler, Mr. A. L. Snowden, Mr. Wm. M. Singerly.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 2, 1894.—The Club met at Judge Biddle's country home, Andalusia, Penna. Members present: Mr. Fraley, Judge Green, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Fell, Judge Biddle, Senator Cameron, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ellis. Absent: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. MacVeagh. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after some alterations. No new business offered. Judge Biddle had as guests the following: Mr. R. C. McMurtrie, Judge Arnold, General W. F. Smith, Mr. B. B. Comegys, Mr. Joseph Fraley, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Mr. Charles Biddle. The hour for dinner was 4 o'clock, the day rather warm, but as the wind was southerly, we had a refreshing breeze. After dinner quite a number of the party took advantage of the kind offer of Mr. Fell (who had come from town in his yacht) to return with him. It was a charming moonlight night and the party enjoyed the trip immensely. We reached the wharf in town about two hours after leaving Judge Biddle's.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

August, 1894.—This month Judge Green's, passed without any meeting of the Club.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

September, 1894.—This month Mr. Fell's, no meeting of the Club, owing to the illness of one of Mr. Fell's children.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

October, 1894.—Mr. Ellis's month, but owing to his absence in Europe, the President permitted him to arrange for his dinner on the 8th of November. On this day the Club met at his country place. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cas-

satt, Mr. Fell, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis. The members absent were Mr. Fraley, Judge Green, Senator Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh. On motion of Mr. Cassatt the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with, owing to the absence of the Secretary's notes. Mr. Wilbur asked permission to give his dinner in the month of December instead of November (his month). This was agreed to as the month of December was not filled, there being a vacancy in the Club. The date fixed was December 6th. On motion adjourned, Mr. Ellis had the following gentlemen as guests: Mr. Bullitt, Mr. Widener, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Struthers, Mr. W. S. Ellis, Mr. Elkins, Col. Snowden, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Philler.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

December, 1894.—The Club on the invitation of Mr. Wilbur, met at the Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, to dine on the 6th at 7 o'clock. The members present were Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Griscom, Judge Green, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Wilbur. The absentees were Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Fell, Senator Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh. Mr. Wilbur had as guests Mr. Garrett, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Hartshorne, Mr. Linderman, Mr. H. S. Drinker, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr. After a most excellent dinner, the Club adjourned to meet at Mr. Fraley's, on the 20th of January, 1895.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

December 20, 1894.—On the invitation of Mr. Fell, the Club met at his town house, South Broad Street. Members present: Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Fell. Absent members: Senator Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh. Mr. Fell had the following gentlemen as guests: Mr. Lindley Smyth, Mr. J. G. Johnson, Dr. Howe, Mr. James Paul, Col. Morrell, Mr. G. W. C. Drexel, Mr. Henry N. Paul, Mr. Dale Benson, Col. A. L. Snowden, Mr. Fraley, Jr., Mr. R. Cadwalader, Mr. G. Philler, Mr. Alexander Biddle.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

January 17, 1895.—The Club, on invitation of Mr. Fraley, met at his house, 2017 De Lancey Place. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Fraley. Absent members: Mr. Roberts, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fell, Senator Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur. After the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, Judge Biddle submitted the following as an expression of the feelings of the members of the Club, on the death of W. George Blight.

"The Farmers' Club desires to place upon its Minutes their high appreciation of the gentle virtues and blameless life of Mr. George Blight, so lately taken from them by the hand of death. Mr. Blight was one of the earliest members of the Club, having been one of its founders in 1847. He was a sincere friend of agriculture and took an intelligent interest in everything connected with it. His open nature and frank sincerity of character endeared him to us all, and we feel that by his death we have lost an esteemed friend, and most genial companion."

At the suggestion of Mr. Griscom it was ordered that a copy of these Minutes be sent to his daughter, Miss Blight.

The members of the Club then adjourned to Mr. Fraley's dining room where they met the following gentlemen as guests: Mr. McKean, Mr. Janney, Mr. Ramberger, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Meschert, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Sterritt, Mr. Sellers, Mr. J. Fraley, Mr. Shortridge, Mr. Hallowell, Mr. Pence.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

COPY OF NOTE RECEIVED FROM MISS BLIGHT

1500 Pine Street, January 28.

My Dear Mr. Ellis:—

I send these few lines to thank you for your note and for the copy of the paper read by Judge Biddle at the meeting of The Farmers' Club, held at Mr. Fraley's house. I can hardly say how gratified I am by this proof of the appreciation and esteem in which my dear father was held by his kind friends of The Farmers' Club. Will you express my thanks to Judge Biddle and the other members of the Club, and believe me

Yours truly,
(Signed) ELIZABETH RYERSS BLIGHT.

February 14, 1895.—On the invitation of Senator Cameron the Club met at his residence in Washington, D. C. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, and the Host. The absent members were Mr. Fraley, Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Fell, Mr. MacVeigh. Senator Cameron had as guests the following gentlemen: Senator Gorman, Senator Gray, Mr. Widener, Senator Davis, Senator Blackburn, Mr. Reed, Mr. Reyburn, Senator Murphy.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

April 25, 1895.—The Club dined with Mr. Griscom at Dolobran, his country place, where many changes had been made since the last meeting of the Club at his house. As usual, Mr. Griscom gave us a most charming time. The members present were Hon. Craig Biddle, Senator J. D. Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Griscom. The invited guests were Hon. D. S. Lamont, Secretary of War; Hon. H. H. Herbert, Secretary of the Navy; Hon. W. L. Wilson, Postmaster General; Hon. R. T. Lincoln, His Honor Mayor Warwick, Hon. A. L. Snowden, Thomas McKean, John C. Bullitt, Geo. Philler, W. R. Wright, W. M. Singerly, Samuel Bettle, Col. Morrell, C. Stuart Patterson, W. L. Elkins, T. DeWitt Cuyler, Thomas Dolan, P. A. B. Widener, Henry H. Rogers, Lloyd C. Griscom, R. E. Griscom, C. A. Griscom, Jr.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

May 29, 1895.—The Club dined at Pencoyd Farm, the country home of Mr. George B. Roberts; the hour, half past six. Members present: Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Fraley and the Host. Mr. Roberts had the following gentlemen as guests: Mr. Widener, Mr. Thomas Williams, Mr. D. E. Williams, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Elkins, Mr. J. P. Green, Mr. Shortridge, Judge Logan, Mr. John C. Bullitt, Mr. C. H. Cramp, Mr. W. D. Welsh, Mr. W. J. Latta, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. G. Brinton Roberts, Mr. L. S. Bent, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Judge Fell, Mr. S. Davis Page, Hon. G. F. Edmonds, J. Bayard Henry, S. M. Prevost.

June 6th was fixed as the day to dine at Mr. Cassatt's.

June 6, 1895.—The Club met at Chesterbrook, Mr. Cassatt's farm, for their usual June dinner. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Roberts, Senator Cameron, Mr. Fraley, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Cassatt.

Judge Biddle, the President, called the Club to order, and excused the Secretary from reading the Minutes of the last meeting. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Fraley be President for the year to June, 1896. The 11th day of July was fixed as the day for meeting at Judge Biddle's. Mr. Fraley suggested that a change in Judge Green's month be made to September from August. This was approved.

The name of Mr. Edward Morrell was offered as a member of the Club to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. George W. Childs. He was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests the following gentlemen: Judge Logan, Mr. D. W. Sellers, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Thomas McKean, Mr. A. Evans, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Pugh.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

July 11, 1895.—The Club met at the country home of Judge Biddle, at Andalusia. Members present: Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Ellis, Mr Griscom, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Morrell and the Host. At the request of Judge Green (whose month for entertaining the Club is August) it was agreed that he should receive us on the 13th of September. Judge Biddle had the following gentlemen as guests: Joseph Fraley, Judge Logan, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. S. S. Biddle, Mr. W. G. Smith, Mr. S. H. Thomas.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

September 12, 1895.—The Club met at the residence of Judge Green, at Easton, at 4 o'clock. The members of the Club and many of the guests came over the Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroads from Philadelphia to Bethlehem and from there to Easton, where they arrived at 2 P.M. At the Easton station by the courtesy of the Easton Transit Company, one of the handsome trolley cars of the Company was furnished, and under the guidance of Mr. Fletcher Knight, the whole party was favored with a ride through the town and up the lofty eminence on the

north side of Easton to Paxinosa Inn, a beautiful hotel located on the top of the mountain. The magnificent scenery in view from the place was thoroughly enjoyed for a short time, and then the party was taken to the residence of the Host, where dinner was served.

At the meeting of the members, a resolution was adopted, that the next meeting of the Club should be held at the residence of Mr. John R. Fell at Camp Hill, Montgomery County, Thursday, September 26th, or at such other time as might better suit the convenience of Mr. Fell.

At half-past seven o'clock in the evening the members and guests returned to their homes by rail to Philadelphia and Bethlehem. Members present were Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Wilbur and the Host. The guests were Judge Logan, Judge Mayer, Judge Arnold, Judge Thompson, Judge Campbell, Mr. Elkins, Mr. F. Thomson, Mr. N. G. Green of New York, Mr. Charles Brodhead of Bethlehem, Mr. H. A. Potter of Orange, Messrs. I. S. Rodenbaugh, H. A. Sage and Fred Green, all of Easton.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

October 3, 1895.—The Club met at Foxhill, the country home of Mr. Rudolph Ellis, at six o'clock; the hour for dinner was half-past six. Members present were Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cassatt and the Host. The absent members were Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Senator Cameron, Mr. Fell, Mr. Morrell, Mr. MacVeagh and Mr. Griscom. Mr. Ellis had as guests: Mr. Charles Cramp, Mr. George Philler, Mr. W. L. Elkins, Mr. John Spencer, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. T. P. Chandler, Mr. T. C. Pattison, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. A. L. Snowden, Mr. C. C. Harrison, General W. J. Sewell, Mr. P. S. Hutchinson and Mr. W. S. Ellis.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

November 7, 1895.—The Club met at the residence of Mr. Wilbur, South Bethlehem, Pa. A special car leaving the Reading terminal, Philadelphia, at 12 o'clock reached South Bethlehem at 1:30 P.M. The works of the Bethlehem Iron Company were visited, as well as Lehigh University, and other points of interest.

Mr. Fraley presided at the meeting of the Club, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with, and

on motion the Club adjourned to meet for the December meeting upon the call of Mr. Morrell at such time as may suit his convenience. Dinner was served at 5 o'clock and the party returned to Philadelphia, leaving Bethlehem at 7:30 o'clock, reaching Philadelphia about 9 P.M. The members present were Mr. Frederick Fraley, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. John R. Fell, and the Host. Mr. Wilbur had as his guests Mr. Joseph S. Harris, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. Joseph Wharton, Mr. Charles Hartshorne, Mr. Beaureau Borie, Mr. Warren A. Wilbur, Mr. R. P. Lindermann, Mr. R. H. Wilbur, Mr. R. H. Davenport, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr. and Mr. T. M. Drown, L.L.D.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 20, 1895.—The Club met at the country residence of Mr. Edward Morrell, Torresdale, Pa. The members of the Club and the invited guests left Philadelphia on the 3:20 P.M. train from Broad Street station, and on reaching Torresdale, the private coaches of Mr. Neilson Brown and our Host were waiting for the party. After a charming drive, we reached Mr. Morrell's home. Members of the Club present were Judge Green, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Mr. R. Ellis and the Host. The usual meeting was held, and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, the death of our late member Mr. John R. Fell was referred to. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a suitable resolution expressing the feelings of the members of the Club, to be read at the next meeting, a copy of which he was directed to send to his widow, Mrs. Fell. The question of filling the vacancy was then taken up and the name of Mr. Thomas McKean was suggested. His name meeting the unanimous approval of the members present the Secretary was instructed to consult with the absent members and, if entirely satisfactory to them, to notify Mr. McKean.

The invited guests were Dr. H. C. Chapman, Mr. James Logan Fisher, Mr. J. G. Johnson, Mr. N. Brown, Mr. T. McKean, Mr. E. Coles, Judge Paxson, Hon. Wm. Potter, Mr. D. Sellers, Mr. G. M. Dorrance, Mr. F. Thomson, Mr. Henry Parr of Baltimore, Mr. R. Church, Mr. R. W. Rives, Mr. I. C. O'Conner of New York, Hon. Harman Yerkes of Doylestown.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, 17 January, 1896.—The Club met at the residence of Mr. Frederick Fraley, 2017 De Lancy Place. Members present: Judge Green, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting were offered and approved, and we adjourned to meet at the call of Senator Cameron at such time in the month of February as he selected. Mr. Fraley had as invited guests Mr. H. M. Messchert, Benj. S. Janney, Jr., Wm. D. Winsor, Angelo T. Freedley, I. Sergent Price, Joel Cook, Joseph C. Fraley, Thomas D. Pierce, Fred. F. Hallowell, F. Fraley, Jr.

At the meeting of the Club, before dinner, the Secretary read the following:

"The Farmers' Club desires to place upon its Minutes an expression of their affection and regard for their late member, Mr. John R. Fell, so suddenly taken from us by the hand of death. His sincerity and amiability of character endeared him to us all and we sincerely regret to have lost one so genial as a friend and companion."

A copy of the above was sent to his widow, Mrs. Fell, as directed at the previous meeting of the Club.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, 27 February, 1896.—The Club met at the residence of Senator Cameron, Washington, D. C. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The meeting, after the reading of the Minutes of the meeting, adjourned to meet at the call of Mr. McKean. Senator Cameron had as guests N. W. Stevenson; Sir J. Pauncefort, the English Ambassador; Baron Von Wielman, the German Ambassador; Mr. Kotzebue, the Russian Ambassador; Sig. Romera, Mexican Minister; Attorney Genl. Harmon, Secretary of the Army; Mr. Lamont; Senator Gray; Senator Allison; Senator Bacon; Mr. Wilkins; Editor of the Washington Post; Mr. Reed, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 26, 1896.—The Club met and dined with Mr. Thomas McKean at his town house, 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Secretary

read the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. Mr. McKean read a letter from Mr. Fraley, written in his kind and attractive style, regretting his absence, owing to his physician's orders. The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of Mr. G. B. Roberts. Mr. McKean had as guests the following gentlemen: Judge Mitchell, Senator Gray, Mr. G. T. Bisham. Mr. C. C. Harrison, Dr. Darrach, Mr. J. Logan Fisher, Mr. H. P. McKean, Mr. P. S. Hutchinson, Mr. J. H. Warren, Mr. W. R. Wistar, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Jos. S. Harris, Judge McMichael, Mr. C. S. Patterson.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 30, 1896.—The Club met at the country residence (Dolobran) of Mr. C. A. Griscom and dined at half-past six o'clock. Members present: Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. G. B. Roberts regretting his inability to entertain the Club in May (his month). Mr. Robberts in his letter said that Mr. Frank Thomson would be very glad of an opportunity of entertaining the Club in the month of May, if the Club would fix a day. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Thomson that the Club will be glad to dine with him on the 21st of May if that date suited him.

Mr. Griscom had as guests the following gentlemen: Senator Gray, Senator Barrows, Speaker Thos. B. Reed, Genl. Sewell, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. Thos. P. Dolan, Mr. Wm. L. Elkins, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. C. H. Cramp, Mr. Henry H. Rogers, Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, Mr. Henry W. Cannon, Mr. J. I. Waterbury, Mr. E. J. Berwind, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Jr., Mr. L. C. Griscom, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Mr. R. E. Griscom.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 21, 1896.—The Club dined with Mr. Frank Thomson at Corkerhill. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Ellis. The guests were Gov. Hastings, Pennsylvania; Gov. Griggs, New Jersey; Gov. Lowndes, Maryland; Gen. Miles, U. S. A.; Senator Gorman, Senator Sewell, Senator Elkins, Ex-Senator Edmonds,

Mr. B. N. Baker, Mr. B. F. Newcomer, Mr. J. L. Cadwalader, Mr. F. H. Smith, Mr. C. S. Patterson, Mr. W. L. Elkins, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Thos. Dolan, Mr. C. C. Harrison, Col. A. L. Snowden, Mr. Henry Wilding, Mr. R. W. Lesley, Dr. Wm. Thomson.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 25, 1896.—The Club, on the invitation of Mr. Cassatt, met at Chesterbrook Farm. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Col. Morrell, Mr. Ellis, and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. This being the annual meeting of the Club, an election for President for the ensuing year was held. Senator Cameron was unanimously chosen. The Club adjourned to meet at the country home of Judge Biddle, Andalusia, Pa., and the date fixed for July 16.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Mr. J. G. Moore, Mr. J. I. Waterbury, Prof. Byles, Col. Snowden, Mr. Sellers, Frederick Kimball, Genl. Sewall, Mr. F. Thomson, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Patton, Mr. E. B. Cassatt.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 16, 1896.—The Club met on the invitation of Judge Biddle at his country residence, Andalusia, Pa. Members present: Judge Green, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Col. Morrell, Mr. McKean, Mr. Ellis and the Host. In the absence of the President, Sen. Cameron, Judge Biddle occupied the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. At the request of Judge Green, the 17th of September was fixed for a meeting at his house. The meeting adjourned. Judge Biddle had as guests Mr. J. K. Valentine, Ex-Senator Edmonds, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. W. G. Smith, Mr. S. H. Thomas.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 17, 1896.—The Club met on the invitation of Judge Green at Easton. The members of the Club who were present were Judge Biddle and the Host. The members who were absent were Mr. Fraley, who was unable to attend on account of his infirmities, Mr. Roberts, who was detained

at home by severe personal illness. Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. McKean, Mr. Cameron, Mr. McVeagh, who is abroad. The invited guests were Mr. Singerly, Judge Arnold, Col. Snowden, Mr. Broadhead, Mr. Allison, Mr. Rodenbrough, Judge Reeder, Mr. Green of New York, Mr. Potter, Mr. Shaefer and Mr. Sage.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 15, 1896.—The Club met at the country residence of Mr. Ellis. Members present: Sen. Cameron, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. McKean, Mr. Morrell and the Host. The following gentlemen were the guests at dinner. Mr. F. J. Kimball, Mr. Frank Thomson, Sen. G. Gray, Mr. John C. Bullitt, Gen. J. H. Wilson, Mr. B. F. Clyde, Dr. Da Costa, Mr. C. C. Harrison, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. D. W. Sellers, Mr. John G. Moore, Mr. J. I. Waterbury, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, William S. Ellis.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 19, 1896.—The Club met at the Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, upon the invitation of Mr. Wilbur. Members present: Mr. Fraley, Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Col. Morrell and the Host. Mr. Wilbur had as guests Mr. Jno. C. Bullitt, Mr. W. L. Elkins, Mr. Frank Thomson, Mr. B. Borie, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. F. I. Gowen, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Col. R. H. Wilbur, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Baron H. Von Leers.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 17, 1896.—The Club on the invitation of Col. Morrell met at his country home, Torresdale, Pa. The Secretary was not able to read the Minutes of the last meeting of the Club, given at the Stratford Hotel by Mr. Wilbur, no information having been received by him. Col. Morrell read a letter from Mr. Fraley, regretting his inability to entertain the members in January owing to the condition of his health. Mr. Cassatt, who was present, offered to take the month, and said he would be glad to have the Club at his town house. This offer was accepted with the understanding that Mr. Cassatt would not deprive us of our trip to his farm in June, which was always one of our best days. The meeting then adjourned.

The members present were Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Col. Morrell. Col. Morrell had the following gentlemen as guests: Mr. Wm. M. Singerly, Judge Yerkes, Mr. John Cadwalader, Dr. Henry C. Chapman, Mr. J. G. Johnson, Mr. G. M. Dorrance, Mr. Richard Church of New York; Mr. Chas. E. Etting, Mr. Neilson Brown.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 14, 1897.—The Club on the invitation of Mr. Cassatt, met at his town house; this was Mr. Fraley's date, but owing to the condition of his health, he was obliged to ask the members to excuse his receiving them. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. McKean, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Secretary was instructed to notify Senator Cameron if agreeable to him the Club would meet at his home on the 11th of February.

Mr. Cassatt had as his guests, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Prevost, Mr. Morris and Mr. Rawle.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 11, 1897.—The Club on the invitation of Senator Cameron, met at his residence in Washington. Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Col. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the date for Mr. McKean's dinner was fixed for the 11th of March. Senator Cameron had as guests: Rep. Wadsworth, Senator Bacon of Georgia, Mr. Butler of South Carolina, Senator Jones of Nevada, Mr. Justice Brown, Senator Davis of Minnesota, Senator Lindsay of Kentucky, Senator Chandler of New Hampshire, Senator Mills of Texas, Senator Daniels of Virginia, Representative Hitt of Illinois.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 11, 1897.—A regular meeting of The Farmers' Club was held at the residence of Mr. Thos. McKean, 1925 Walnut Street. Members of the Club present: Hon. J. D. Cameron, Justice Green, Judge Biddle, A. J. Cassatt, Edward Morrell and the Host. The President of the Club occupied the chair. On motion Mr. Morrell was appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem.* in the absence of the Club Secretary, Mr. Ellis. The Min-

utes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was moved and seconded that a suitable mention on the death of the late Mr. George B. Roberts, a member of the Club, be prepared by the Secretary and inscribed on the Minutes, and a copy of the same be sent to his family.

The attention of the Club was called to the fact that a vacancy existed in the membership. On motion of Mr. McKean, the name of Mr. Frank Thomson was proposed to fill the vacancy, caused by the death of Mr. Roberts. Mr. Cassatt moved that in the absence of any further nomination, the Secretary be informed to cast one ballot for the election of Mr. Thomson. The Secretary reported that the ballot had been cast and the President declared Mr. Thomson elected. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Thomson of the election and that the Club had fixed the 15th day of April for a meeting at whatever place he might select. A request was presented from Mr. Griscom, asking that the month assigned to him be changed from April to May, which was granted, and the month of April thus left vacant was assigned to Mr. Thomson.

The members of the Club absent: Hon. Wayne McVeagh, R. Ellis, C. M. Griscom, Frederick Fraley and E. P. Wilbur. The guests present were G. Tucker Bispham, Jos. S. Harris, W. F. Wharton, C. S. Patterson, Hon. W. J. Sewall, J. L. Fisher, Dr. Darrach, Dr. DaCosta, E. B. Morris, Col. Du Pont, Geo. F. Baer, Judge Thompson, Thos. Dolan, B. C. Allen, Dr. N. Downs, C. E. Ingersoll, B. Borie, Charles H. Cramp. On motion the meeting adjourned.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 15, 1897.—The regular monthly meeting of the Club was held at the country residence of Mr. Frank Thomson. Members of the Club present: Hon. J. D. Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. McKean and the Host. The President of the Club, Mr. Cameron, occupied the chair. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary offered and read the paper prepared by Judge Biddle relative to the death of our late member, Mr. George B. Roberts, as follows:

"*Resolved.*—That we have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. George B. Roberts, who for so many years had been asso-

ciated with us. While we cordially unite in all the public encomium which has been passed upon him elsewhere, we here seek only to express upon the Minutes of our Social Club the sincere affection which we all entertain for him. His bright intelligence, his unassuming manner and his genial temperament made him always a most welcome guest to each and all of us.

Resolved.—That the Secretary be directed to send to the family of the deceased a copy of the Minutes as an expression of our sympathy on their bereavement."

Mr. McKean called the attention of the Club to the question of how the members and guests should dress at the monthly dinners given by the members. It was agreed that at all dinners given in the country a morning costume would be preferred; while at dinners given in town, evening dress would be expected.

The Club fixed May 13th for their next meeting at Chesterbrook, the farm of Mr. Cassatt. On motion the Club adjourned. Members absent: Mr. Fraley, Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. McVeagh. Mr. Thomson had as guests Jos. S. Harris, P. A. B. Widener, Thos. Dolan, Samuel Rea, E. T. Postlethwaite, W. A. Patton, James N. Manns, Col. Snowden, Judge Arnold, Judge Thompson.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 13, 1897.—The Club met at Mr. Cassatt's farm. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. McKean, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Thomson and the Host. Absent members were Mr. Fraley and Mr. Cameron. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Club were read and approved. In the absence of the President, Mr. Cameron, Judge Biddle was asked to occupy the Chair.

The date for the next meeting of the Club was fixed for June 10th at the residence of Mr. Griscom. No further business being offered, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests the following gentlemen: Mr. Dickerman, Mr. John G. McCook, Mr. Stuart Patterson, Gen. J. H. Wilson, Col. Du Pont, Captain Green, Mr. James McCrea, Mr. W. Penn Smith.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary

Thursday, June 10, 1897.—The June meeting of the Club was held at Dolobran, the country residence of Mr. Griscom. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. McKean, Mr. Thomson and Host. The President, Judge Green, in the chair. The Secretary read the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. The next meeting of the Club was fixed for July 8th, at the residence of Judge Biddle. Mr. Griscom had as his Guests Messrs. W. L. Elkins, P. A. B. Widener, Hon. A. L. Snowden, C. Stuart Patterson, Effingham B. Morris, T. DeWitt Cuyler, John G. Johnson, Henry H. Rogers, H. M. Flagler, John I. Waterbury, John G. Moore, S. C. Neal, Hon. John Cassels, Hon. John Dalzell, Hon. A. P. Gorman, Wm. H. Frye, Hon. Mark Hanna, C. A. Griscom, Jr., Samuel Bettle, R. E. Griscom.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 8, 1897.—Being the first Thursday before the full moon, the Club met at Andalusia, Bucks County, the country residence of Judge Biddle. They came as usual by the steamboat Columbia from Chestnut Street wharf at 2 P.M., and returned by rail at seven.

The weather was rather threatening in the morning, but soon cleared up, giving us a very charming day.

There were present at the Club, besides the Host, Mr. Justice Green, Mr. Griscom, Col. Morrell and Mr. MacVeagh. At the business meeting, in the absence of the Secretary, Judge Biddle elected as Secretary *pro tem.* The President, Mr. Justice Green, presided.

Mr. MacVeagh called the attention of the Club to the difficulty of having a full meeting either in August or early in September. It was therefore decided after considering the engagements of the members for the next two months that the August meeting be dispensed with, and the next meeting should be held at the residence of Mr. Justice Green at Easton on the 30th of September.

The invited guests who attended were Genl. W. F. Smith, Mr. Robert Wister, Mr. Morton Henry, Mr. Henry Flanders, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. J. K. Valentine, Judge Butler, Samuel Hinds Thomas, Charles Biddle, making fourteen in all at dinner.

The dinner was much enlivened by the presence of the late Ambassador to Italy, Mr. MacVeagh, and Mr. Morton Henry, lately from Touraine; their account of the agricultural advantages of these countries was highly appreciated.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 30, 1897.—The Club met at the house of Judge Green at Easton, Pa. Members present were Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The invited guests were Judge Dean, Senator Cochran, Judge Brewster, Captain J. P. Green, Mr. Patton, Mr. Solis, Mr. Broadhead, Mr. Rodenbaugh, Mr. Sheafer, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Frederick Green.

The day was most charming in every respect, bright sunny, warm and somewhat hazy, and altogether delightful. The Club and a number of the guests came from Philadelphia on the Belvedere Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad on a special train leaving at 12 noon, and arriving at 2:30 P.M.

The beautiful ride along the banks of the Delaware river from Trenton to Easton was much enjoyed.

The party was met at Phillipsburg station by the host and Mr. Rodenbaugh with a trolley car, and were conducted through Easton at College Hill to Paxenose Inn on the top of the Chestnut Hill range, where the well known and celebrated landscape views were highly appreciated. The scenery embraces many miles of territory extending in every direction, and is of the rarest beauty. After a brief stay at the Inn, the guests proceeded over the Electric road to the residence of the Host, where dinner was served. Several ladies were present with the Hostess and contributed to the pleasure of the occasion. At seven in the evening the party returned to Philadelphia.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 14, 1897.—The Club met at the house of Mr. Rudolph Ellis near Bryn Mawr. Members of the Club present: Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. McKean and the Host.

The President, Judge Green, occupied the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Wilbur stated he would like to entertain the Club at the Hotel Strat-

ford instead of Bethlehem, and the date was fixed for Thursday, November 11th. The meeting then adjourned. The members of the Club absent were Mr. Fraley, Mr. Griscom, Senator Cameron, Mr. Morrell and Mr. Frank Thomson. Mr. Ellis had as guests Mr. Bronson, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Winsor, Mr. Geyelin, Senator Sewall, Senator Gray, General Wilson, Col. Snowden, Mr. Mason, Mr. Rives, Mr. King, Mr. Struthers, Mr. Mather, Mr. Smith, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 11, 1897.—At the request of Mr. Wilbur, the Club met at the Hotel Stratford instead of his home in Bethlehem, Pa. Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. MacVeigh, Mr. Ellis, Mr. McKean, Mr. Morrell and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Club were read and approved. The month of December being the month assigned to Col. Morrell, he expressed a desire to the Club to dine with him in town instead of the country, owing to the season. The date was fixed for the 16th of December. On motion, the Club adjourned for dinner. Mr. Wilbur had as guests Mr. S. F. Tyler, Mr. B. Borie, Mr. Drinker, Mr. Walter, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. McAlpin, Messrs. Wilbur.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 16, 1897.—On the invitation of Col. Morrell, the Club met at the Hotel Stratford. Members present: Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. McKean, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Club were read and approved. January being the month assigned to Mr. Fraley, and as the condition of his health prevented him from entertaining the Club, Mr. McKean asked permission to have the members at his town house; this was agreed to but no date fixed. The meeting adjourned.

Col. Morrell had as guests Rev. P. J. Ryan, Mr. C. J. Audenred, L. Clark Davis, Geo. C. Drexel, Chas. E. Etting, Thos. Dolan, Alf. C. Harrison, J. G. Johnson, Genl. Miles, Theo. Voorhees, W. W. Wiltbank, P. A. B. Widener, Ed. Coles, N. Brown, Genl. Sewell, Mr. Larman.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 27, 1898.—The Club met at the residence of Mr. McKean, 1925 Walnut Street. Members present were Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Club were read and approved. The Secretary was instructed to write to Senator Cameron about entertaining the Club in the month of February and await his reply. No other business being presented, the Club adjourned.

Mr. McKean had as guests Senator Sewell, Genl. J. H. Wilson, Joseph S. Harris, Capt. Shackelford, Mr. M. P. Henry, Mr. P. S. Hutchinson, Mr. Voorhees, Mr. Geo. Tucker Bispham, Mr. Charles Cramp, Mr. C. C. Harrison, Mr. Charles Ingersoll, Dr. Darrach, Mr. Geo. Baer, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. W. D. Winsor, Dr. Chapman, Mr. W. H. Gaw, Mr. James Rhodes, Mr. Benj. C. Allen, Dr. Norton Downs, Mr. H. P. McKean, Mr. Thos. McKean, Jr.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 14, 1898.—The Club on the invitation of Mr. Fraley met at his residence, 2017 De Lancy Place. Members present Justice Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Club were read and approved, after which the President referred to the death of Mr. McKean, one of our members, and requested Judge Biddle to prepare a suitable minute to be read at the next meeting of the Club. On motion we adjourned.

Mr. Fraley had as guests Mr. Wharton, Mr. Watson, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Meschert, Mr. Fraley, Jr.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 28, 1898.—The Club met at Corkerhill, the home of Mr. Frank Thomson. Members present were Judge Green, Judge Biddle, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The President, Judge Green, occupied the Chair, and after reading the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, Mr. Griscom asked the Club to allow him to select the Thursday in May to give his dinner. This was agreed to. No other business being presented, the Club adjourned.

Mr. Thomson had as guests Judge James A. Logan, Mr. Chas. E. Pugh, Hon. A. L. Snowden, Mr. Jos. S. Harris, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. John P. Green, Mr. S. M. Provost, Hon. Chas Emory Smith, Mr. L. Clark Davis, Mr. D. W. Sellers, Mr. James M. Beck, Dr. Wm. Thomson, Mr. Thos. Dolan, Mr. Clarke Thomson.

The following paper was sent to the Secretary by Judge Biddle with the request that it be entered as of the meeting of April 28th.

"The Farmers' Club desires to place on the Minutes an expression of their sincere regret of the death of their late fellow member, Mr. Thomas McKean. His kindly nature and his warm heart made him a welcome guest in every company. In our association, his unvarying good temper and lively disposition added greatly to our enjoyment and made us more deeply feel the loss of his companionship."

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 19, 1898.—The Club met at Dolobran, the country home of Mr. Griscom. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Wilbur, Col. Morrell, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Ellis and the Host. Judge Biddle occupied the chair in the absence of Judge Green. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Cassatt asked the Club to come to his farm on Thursday, June 2nd, which was accepted.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Hon. Cornelius N. Bliss, Sec. of Int.; Hon. Mark A. Hanna, Genl. Fitzgerald, Hon. G. F. Edmonds, Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, Mr. H. M. Flagler, Mr. Harry W. Casson, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Col. John Cassels, Mr. James McCrea, Mr. James W. Alexander, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. W. L. Elkins, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. S. C. Neale, Mr. R. E. Griscom, Mr. L. C. Neale, Mr. R. E. Griscom, Mr. L. C. Griscom, Mr. Samuel Bettle.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

MEMBERS

1898:—

1859.	Judge Biddle	September
1859.	Frederick Fraley	
1876.	J. D. Cameron	April

1878.	Judge Green	
1886.	E. P. Wilbur	November
1887.	C. A. Griscom	May
1888.	A. J. Cassatt	June
1892.	Rudolph Ellis	October
1893.	Wayne MacVeagh	December
1895.	Edward Morrell	February
1897.	Frank Thomson	
1898.	James Logan Fisher	March
1900.	Charles C. Harrison	January
1901.	George F. Baer	July

Thursday, June 2, 1898.—The Club met at Mr. Cassatt's farm Chesterbrook. Members present: Justice Green—President, Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Thomson and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Judge Biddle proposed Mr. James Logan Fisher as a member of the Club to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Thomas McKean. He was elected unanimously.

It being the custom of the Club at their June meeting to select a member to act as President for the ensuing year, the name of Mr. Wilbur was offered and approved. July being the month allotted to Judge Biddle, he selected Thursday, July 7th, as agreeable to him to have us, Mr. Cassatt very generously offering the use of his yacht "Enterprise" to convey the members to Andalusia and return. No other business being presented the Club, on motion, adjourned.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Gen. Alger, Sec. of War; Mr. W. G. Elliott, Mr. T. de Witt Cuyler, Samuel G. Dickson, Wm. A. Patton, Joseph Wood, C. Stuart Patterson, Allen Evans, R. Penn Smith, R. K. Cassatt.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 7, 1898.—The Club met at the country home of Judge Biddle, Andalusia, Pa., after a pleasant trip up the Delaware on Mr. Cassatt's yacht "Enterprise." Members present: Judge Green, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Fisher and the Host. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was decided that no meeting of the Club

should take place in the month of August, and that Judge Green could select a date agreeable to him in the month of September. He named the 27th.

Judge Biddle had as guests Mr. Cuyler, Mr. W. R. Wistar, Mr. Flanders, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Biddle, Gen. Smith, Mr. Henry, Mr. Glenn.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 29, 1898.—The Club met at Judge Green's residence, Easton, Pa.

The party left Broad Street Station by special train, leaving Easton on time to take the mountain trip by trolley car before dining at half-past four. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis and the Host. In the absence of Mr. Wilbur, Judge Green occupied the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The only new business was the fixing of the date for Mr. Ellis' dinner. The 27th of October was agreed upon, and the meeting adjourned.

Judge Green had the following gentlemen as guests: Judge Dean, Judge Arnold, Senator Wolverton, Mr. Broadhead, Mr. Solis, Mr. Thos. Dolan, Mr. Widener, Mr. Elkins, Mr. Patton.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 27, 1898.—The Club met at Mr. R. Ellis' country place. Members present: Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher and the Host. Mr. Wilbur occupied the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The only business transacted was the fixing of the date for Mr. Wilbur's dinner in November. The 25th was fixed upon.

Mr. Ellis had as guests at his dinner Gen. Sewall, Mr. H. W. Biddle, Col. Snowden, Mr. Jesse Nalle, Mr. Widener, Mr. Elkins, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. John Kean, Mr. Amos French, Mr. P. S. Hutchinson, Col. Robert Ralston, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

R. ELLIS,
Secretary.

November, 1898.—Owing to a death in Mr. Wilbur's family, he could not entertain the members of the Club.

December, 1898.—Colonel Morrell notified the Secretary he would be unable to have the Club come to his farm, as he expected to be absent.

January, 1899.—Mr. Fraley failed to send any notice to the Secretary about his intentions of dining the members.

Thursday, February 23, 1899.—Mr. Cameron failing to invite the members of the Club to dine with him owing to his absence in the South, Mr. Cassatt asked the Club to meet at his town house. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Eilis, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Fisher and the Host. No guests invited. The question of the want of interest taken by the members was discussed, and those present were unanimous in the expression that the members of the Club did not fully recognize the importance of attending the monthly dinner.

The month of March was selected by Mr. Fisher, and the date fixed was Thursday the 23rd. Mr. Ellis requested to be relieved from the duties of Secretary, and Mr. Fisher was selected to fill his place.

Thursday, March 23, 1899.—The Club met at Mr. Fisher's country place. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt and the Host.

The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Thomson that April was the month assigned to him for giving a dinner, and that April 20th would be the Thursday before the full moon, the time fixed by the Club for giving dinners. The Secretary was further requested to send a similar notice each month to the members to whom the month had been assigned.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Dr. Wharton Sinkler, Dr. Arthur V. Meigs, Mr. Pemberton S. Hutchinson, Mr. George Tucker Bispham, Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoll, Mr. William Rotch Wister, Mr. Archibald R. Montgomery, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Count Ladislas de Diesbach, Mr. Francis E. Bond.

J. L. FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 20, 1899.—The Club met at Mr. Thomson's country place, Corkerhill. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis,

Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher and the Host. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. No other business was transacted, except that it was decided that the May dinner should be given by Mr. Griscom.

Mr. Thomson had as guests General Alger, Secretary of War; Mr. Charles Emory Smith, Postmaster General; Mr. William P. Sewell, U. S. Senator; Captain Edward B. Cassatt, Mr. Frank Graham Thomson, Mr. William L. Elkins, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. William H. Joyce.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 18, 1899.—The Club met at Mr. Griscom's country place Dolobran. Members present: Judge Biddle, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Fisher and the Host. The Secretary stated he was unable to read the Minutes of the last meeting, as he had forgotten to bring them with him. The only business that came before the meeting was the arranging for the June dinner, and it was decided that it should be given by Mr. Cassatt on June 22, the Thursday before the full moon.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mr. John C. Bullitt, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Mr. Henry H. Rogers, Mr. Henry M. Flagler, Mr. Alfred C. Harrison, Dr. Herbert M. Howe, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. William L. Elkins, Hon. Charles Emory Smith, Col. A. Louden Snowden, Rear-Admiral Silas Casey, Mr. Charles H. Cramp, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Jr., Mr. R. E. Griscom.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 22, 1899.—The Club met at Mr. Cassatt's farm Chesterbrook. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher and the Host. The Minutes of the meetings of April 20th and May 18th were read and approved. Mr. Griscom was elected President, to serve for the enusing year. A letter from Colonel Morrell was read, asking to have the month of April assigned to him instead of December, the month assigned at present. Mr. Cameron made a similar request, and, on account of his being the older member, it was thought his request should have precedence, and it was accord-

ingly granted, and April was assigned to him. It was arranged that Judge Biddle should give the next dinner on July 20th.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Judge Gray, Captain Bronson, Mr. Bullitt, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. W. H. Barnes, Mr. Lincoln Godfrey, Mr. Penn Smith.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 20, 1899.—The Club met at Judge Biddle's country place, Andalusia. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Fisher and the Host. Judge Biddle was requested to prepare Resolutions, relating to the death of Mr. Frank Thomson.

It was decided that the next dinner should be at Judge Green's on September 21st.

Judge Biddle had as guests Mr. Wm. Rotch Wister, Judge Yerkes, Mr. M. P. Henry, Mr. S. H. Thomas, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Charles Biddle.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

September 21, 1899.—The Club met at Easton, at the residence of Judge Green.

The morning was quite stormy, but cleared away about noon, and when the car arrived with the guests from the city, the sun shone out brightly. A ride on the trolley car was taken through the town, and out on the road to Bethlehem, about five miles through a beautiful country. The air was fresh and bracing, and the ride was extremely pleasant. Dinner was served at four. The members present were Judge Biddle, Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis and the Host.

The guests were Senator Wolverton, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Patton, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Potter, Judge Arnold, Captain John P. Green, Mr. Broadhead, Mr. Brosenbrough, Mr. Sage, Mr. Sheafer and Mr. Fred Green.

At another table were several ladies dining with the hostess and this added much to the pleasure of the occasion. At 6 P. M., the members and guests from a distance left for their homes.

It was resolved that the next dinner be given by Mr. Ellis, in October.

Judge Biddle presented a resolution of respect for the memory of Mr. Frank Thomson our lately deceased member, which was unanimously adopted, in the following words:

"The Farmers' Club desire to place upon their Minutes, an expression of their profound regret at the death of their associate Mr. Frank Thomson. The loss which the community has sustained by his untimely death had been appropriately noticed on other occasions. We merely desire to express, in addition, the personal grief which we feel at the loss of a fellow member, who had endeared himself to all of us by his charming social characteristics."

On motion the Club adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 12, 1899.—The Club met at the country residence of Mr. Ellis. Members present: Judge Biddle, Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell and the Host. Judge Biddle occupied the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the acting Secretary read the Minutes prepared by Judge Biddle upon the death of Mr. Thomson, our late member. No further business being presented, the Club adjourned to November 16, upon notice from Mr. Wilbur.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Judge Gray, General Sewell, Col. Snowden, Mr. Sellers, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Patton, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Nalle, Mr. Waterbury of New York, Mr. Wright of New York, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 16, 1899.—The Club met, on invitation of Mr. E. P. Wilbur for dinner, at the Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

Previous to the dinner a meeting was held. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The next meeting was fixed for December 7th at Mr. MacVeagh's.

Members present: Judge Biddle, A. J. Cassatt, Rudolph Ellis, Col. E. Morrell and the Host. In the absence of the President, Mr. Cassatt took the chair, and Mr. Wilbur acted as Secretary.

There were present as guests Dr. Thos. M. Drown, Lieut. H. P. Wilbur, Samuel Dickson, John C. Bullitt, Baron Von Leers, W. A. Wilbur, Francis I. Gowen, E. P. Wilbur, Jr., W. L. Elkins, Jos. S. Harris.

(Signed) E. R. WILBUR,
J. L. F., *Secretary.*

December 7, 1899.—The Club met at Mr. MacVeagh's house in Washington. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as given by Mr. Wilbur, who had acted as Secretary. It was agreed that hereafter December should be Mr. MacVeagh's month, and February, Mr. Morrell's, and that Mr. Morrell should give a dinner in February, at the usual time, viz.: the Thursday before the full moon.

Members present: Senator Cameron, Judge Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests General Miles, Senator Depew, Senator Kean, Senator Sewell, Senator Lodge, Senator Penrose, Senator Wolcott, Mr. John J. Pinkerton, Mr. Stuart Patterson, Mr. De Witt Cuyler, Mr. William A. Patton, Mr. William L. Elkins, Mr. Theodore N. Ely, Col. John Cassels.

The dinner was a very pleasant one, as was also the trip to and from Washington, which through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt was made in his private car.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

February 22, 1900.—The Club met at the Philadelphia Club, to dine with Mr. Morrell. The members of the Club present were Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

A meeting of the Club was held before dinner. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was decided that Mr. Fisher should give the next dinner, on March 15, (the Thursday before the full moon.)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Griscom, Judge Biddle occupied the chair.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Hon. Charles Emory Smith, Post Master General, Senator Sewell of New Jersey, Senator Kean of New Jersey, Mr. Stuart Patterson, Mr. W. T. Eldridge, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Charles E. Etting, Mr. Edgar Scott, Dr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Henry W. Biddle, Mr. Jesse Nalle.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

March 15, 1900.—The Club met at Mr. Fisher's country place, Brookwood. Members present: Mr. Griscom, President; Judge

Biddle, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Rudolph Ellis, Mr. Morrell and the Host.

Mr. Charles C. Harrison's name was proposed for membership to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Frank Thomson. This proposal met with unanimous approval, and it was decided to hold an election to fill this vacancy at the next meeting.

Mr. Cassatt stated that his month for having the Club dine with him was June, but as he expected to be out of the country in June, he had arranged with Senator Cameron, whose month was April, to exchange months, and as the Thursday before the full moon in April would be the Thursday in Holy Week, he proposed that the dinner should be held on the Thursday of the following week, Thursday, April 18th, at his, Mr. Cassatt's, town house. This was agreed to, and the meeting adjourned.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Mr. John Hobart Warren, Dr. Arthur V. Meigs, Mr. T. De Witt Cuyler, Mr. Pemberton S. Hutchinson, Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoll.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 19, 1900.—The Club met at Mr. Cassatt's, 202 West Rittenhouse Square. Members present: Mr. Griscom, President; Judge Green, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Wilbur, Judge Biddle, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Cassatt.

Mr. Charles Curtis Harrison was unanimously elected a member of the Club, to filll the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Frank Thomson. It was decided the next dinner should be on May 10, at Mr. Griscom's.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn, Mr. George Wharton Pepper, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Owen Wister, Mr. David W. Sellers, Col. Robert Ralston, Mr. Samuel Rea.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 10, 1900.—The Club met at Mr. Griscom's country place, Dolobran. Members present: Hon. J. Donald Cameron, Chief Justice Green, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Mr. Edward De V. Morrell, Mr. James Logan Fisher, Mr. Charles H. Harrison and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and it was arranged that the June dinner should be given by Mr. Cameron.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mr. John J. Waterbury, Mr. L. C. Weir, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Grant B. Schley, Mr. Thos. De Witt Cuyler, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Wm. L. Elkins, Mr. A. Louden Snowden, Mr. Rodman E. Griscom, Mr. H. Galbraith Ward, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. George W. C. Drexel, Mr. Sutherland M. Provost, Mr. James A. Wright, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. John G. Johnson, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Mr. Robert Bacon, Mr. John Hampton Barnes, Mr. Henry W. Biddle, Mr. Joseph Peabody, Mr. Wm. D. Winsor, Mr. James McCrea, Mr. Joseph G. Darlington.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 14, 1900.—The Club met at Mr. Cameron's country place, Donegal. A special train, through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt, took the members of the Club and other guests from Broad Street Station to Mr. Cameron's Station, Marietta, and return.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Much pleasure was taken in seeing the horses, mares and colts, at Donegal.

Members of the Club present were Judge Biddle, Justice Green, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Mr. Wayne MacVeagh, Mr. James Logan Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Cassatt was elected President. It was arranged that the next dinner should be given on July 12th, by Judge Biddle.

Mr. Cameron had as guests Mr. H. C. Frick, Pittsburgh; Mr. H. W. Oliver, Pittsburgh; Hon. J. G. A. Leishman, U. S. Minister, Switzerland; Mr. John H. Boyd, Harrisburg; Hon. Geo. Gray, Wilmington, Del.; Mr. B. F. Newcomer, Baltimore; General F. V. Greene, New York; Mr. Grant B. Schley, New York; Mr. S. M. Prevost, Vice President Pennsylvania Railroad; Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Lebanon; Mr. J. L. Schoonmaker, New York; Mr. James M. Cameron, Donegal; Mr. A. C. Rutherford, Harrisburg.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 12, 1900.—The Club met at Judge Biddle's country place, Andalusia. Members present: Chief Justice Green, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher, and the Host. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was arranged that Chief Justice Green should give the next dinner on Thursday, September 20.

Judge Biddle had as guests Judge Arnold, Judge Yerkes, Mr. Flanders, Mr. Ellis Yarnall, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. Charles Biddle and Mr. Samuel H. Thomas.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 11, 1900.—The Club met at Mr. Ellis's country place, Foxhill. Members present: Judge Biddle, Hon. J. Donald Cameron, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Judge Biddle was requested to prepare Resolutions in regard to the death of Chief Justice Green, said Resolutions to be entered as part of the Minutes of this meeting. It was arranged that Mr. Wilbur should give the next dinner on Thursday, November 8, in Philadelphia.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Senator Sewell, Mr. James H. Hyde. Hon. A. Loudon Snowden, Mr. William Struthers, Mr. W. Lyman Biddle, Mr. Thomas De Witt Cuyler, Mr. William D. Winsor, Mr. William S. Ellis.

The Resolution prepared by Judge Biddle in regard to the death of Chief Justice Green was as follows:

"The Farmers' Club desires to enter on their Minutes their sincere regret at the death of their esteemed associate, Mr. Chief Justice Green. In addition to his eminence in his profession, he possessed social qualities which rendered him especially attractive to his friends. Our long intercourse with him as a member of our Club enabled us to highly appreciate his worth and induces us to give this expression of our heartfelt sorrow at his loss."

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 6, 1900.—The Club met at the Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, to dine with Mr. Wilbur. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison and the Host. The Minutes of the last meeting including the Resolutions prepared by Judge Biddle in regard to the death of Chief Justice Green were read and approved.

The next dinner of the Club was fixed by invitation of Mr. MacVeagh to be at Washington on December 20th.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Dr. J. M. Drown, Mr. W. L. Estes, Baron Von Liers, Mr. N. Parker Shortridge, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Mr. Joseph Wharton, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. R. H. Wilbur, Mr. J. Davis Broadhead, R. W. Davenport, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 20, 1900.—The Club dined with Mr. MacVeagh in Washington, at his residence, 1719 Massachusetts Avenue.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt, a special car was furnished to take the members of the Club and Mr. MacVeagh's other guests from Philadelphia to Washington on the afternoon of the dinner and to bring them back to Philadelphia on the following morning.

The members of the Club present at the dinner were Mr. Cassatt, President; Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison and the Host.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests Senators Lodge, Hanna, Depew, Kean, Scott and Messrs. Andrew Carnegie, DeWitt Cuyler, L. C. Weir, Chas. E. Pugh, John J. Pinkerton, Theo. N. Ely, William L. Elkins, E. B. Morris, Hon. John K. Cowen, Captain John P. Green.

Previous to the dinner, a meeting of the Club was held, at which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was decided that the next dinner should be given by Col. Morrell in February.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 28, 1901.—The Club dined with Col. Morrell at his house in Washington and through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt, the members of the Club, and Col. Morrell's other guests, were taken from Philadelphia to Washington in a private car.

Members of the Club present at the dinner were Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Col. Morrell had as guests Senator Hanna, Senator Depew, Senator Sewell, Senator Kean, Senator Wetmore, Senator Elkins, Senator Penrose, Speaker Henderson, Maj. Genl. Corbin, Mr. John G. Johnson, Mr. Wm. C. Lovering, Mr. Robert Adams, Col. A. Louden Snowden, Hon. Robert McCormick, Mr. Geo. B. Beale, Mr. O. H. P. Belmont, Mr. Wm. L. Elkins.

It was arranged at the Club's meeting that Mr. Fisher should give the next dinner on March 28th.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 28, 1901.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher, at his country place, Brookwood. Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison and the Host.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Cameron that April was the month assigned to him and that the regular day for the April dinner would be April 25, the Thursday before the full moon.

On motion it was resolved that morning dress should be worn at all dinners of the Club given in the country, and that no dinners in the country should be given at a later hour than six.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Dr. Sinkler, Mr. John Hobart Warren, Mr. Archibald R. Montgomery, Dr. Herbert M. Howe, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. George Willing, Mr. Henry Pratt McKean, Mr. C. Morton Smith, Mr. Owen Wister.

Thursday, May 2, 1901.—The Club dined with Mr. Cameron, at his country place, Donegal Farms. The members of the

Club and other guests of Mr. Cameron were taken from and to Philadelphia by a special train, owing to the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt.

Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Col. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. On motion of Mr. Ellis, the President was requested to appoint a committee of three to consider who would be the most suitable person to fill the vacancy at present existing in the Club's membership, and to report his name to the Club for consideration. The President stated that he would notify the Secretary as to the members of the committee.

A letter from Mr. Cameron of April 16, to the Secretary, was presented in which Mr. Cameron explained that his giving his dinner in May, was due to his being unable to give it on April 25th, the day designated by the Club.

It was arranged that Mr. Griscom should give the next dinner on May 23rd.

Mr. Cameron had as guests Judge Brown, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Parker, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Morris, Ex-Speaker Reed, Mr. McCormick, Mr. James Cameron, Mr. Shields, Judge Gray and Mr. Patterson.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thurdsay, May 23, 1901.—The Club dined with Mr. Griscom, at his country place, Dolobran. Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Ex-Senator Cameron, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

A meeting of the Club was held at which it was arranged that Mr. Cassatt should give the next dinner on June 27th.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mr. Thos. De Witt Cuyler, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Col. William L. Elkins, Mr. John G. Johnson, Mr. Rodman E. Griscom, Mr. Chas. E. Pugh, Mr. Sutherland M. Provost, Senator John Kean, Captain John P. Green, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr.

Lloyd C. Griscom, Senator Boies Penrose, Mr. William D. Winsor, Mr. Bernard N. Baker, Judge Gray, Col. James H. Wilson, Mr. Henry W. Biddle, Mr. Alfred Winsor.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 27, 1901.—The Club dined at Mr. Cassatt's farm, Chesterbrook. Members present: Judge Biddle, Ex-Senator Cameron, Mr. Rudulph Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was arranged that Judge Biddle should give a dinner on September 26th. Mr. Ellis was elected President to serve for the ensuing year. Mr. George F. Baer was elected unanimously a member of the Club, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Green.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Mr. H. W. Biddle, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. George F. Baer, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Felton, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. Loree, Mr. R. K. Cassatt.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

September 26, 1901.—The Farmers' Club dined at Andalusia at 4 P.M. They came from the Broad Street Station at 2:33 P.M. and returned at 7:15.

There were present of the Club Messrs. Ellis, Cassatt, MacVeagh, Morrell and Biddle, five in all. Mr. Ellis being the President for the year, took the chair, and in the absence of the Secretary, Judge Biddle acted as Secretary, *pro tem.* It was decided that the next meeting of the Club would be held at the house of Mr. Ellis, Fox Hill, on the Thursday before the full moon in October.

The invited guests present at the dinner were Judge McPherson, Charles Biddle, Henry Flanders, Walter Geo. Smith, S. H. Thomas, Edward Biddle, Wm. Rotch Wister and Thomas Leaming.

The day was unusually beautiful, and the night brilliant by the light of the moon.

The recent death of our distinguished member, Mr. Fraley, was feelingly alluded to and Judge Biddle requested to prepare a suitable memorial to be placed on our Minutes.

Mr. MacVeagh proposed, at the dinner, the memory of the "founder of Andalusia, Mr. Nicholas Biddle" accompanied with some kind and very flattering remarks.

Judge Biddle acknowledged the honor done to his father, and the compliment to himself. The Club then adjourned until Thursday, October 24, 1901.

CRAIG BIDDLE,
Secretary pro tem.

Thursday, October 24, 1901.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the President of the Club, Mr. Ellis, Judge Biddle and Messrs. Wilbur, MacVeagh, Baer and Fisher were present. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Club should be held on the Thursday before the full moon, in November, at a place to be designated by Mr. Wilbur.

Judge Biddle reported that he had prepared, as requested, the following Memorial to be placed in the Minutes.

"We desire to place upon the Minutes of the Club, our expression of regret at the death of our fellow member, Mr. Frederick Fraley.

"He was one of the earliest members of the Club, and in point of years, exceeded any of us, yet his mind was so bright, his recollections of the past so vivid, that he remained to the last a most charming and attractive associate."

The Memorial was unanimously approved as presented, and was directed to be placed on the Minutes, and the Secretary was requested to send a copy of it to Mr. Fraley's family.

Mr. Ellis had as guests General Wilson, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. William Struthers, Mr. A. R. Montgomery, Mr. Harry W. Biddle, Mr. Wm. L. Elkins, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Hon. A. L. Snowden.

On motion the Club adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Evening, November 21, 1901.—The Club dined with Mr. Wilbur at the Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the President of the Club, Mr. Ellis, Judge Biddle, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host were present. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was decided that the next meeting of the Club should be at Mr. MacVeagh's, on Thursday, December 19, the Thursday before the full moon.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Dr. Thos. M. Drewn, Mr. R. P. Linderman, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. R. H. Wilbur, Mr. A. N. Cleaver, Baron H. Von Leers, Mr. Beauveau Borie, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Col. A. Louden Snowden, Mr. E. McIlvaine, Lieut. H. P. Wilbur.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 19, 1901.—The Club dined with Mr. MacVeagh at his house in Washington. Through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt, a special car was run to take the members of the Club and Mr. MacVeagh's other guests to and from Washington.

Members of the Club present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Col. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were on motion approved.

It was arranged that the January dinner of the Club should be given by Mr. Baer.

The following letter, acknowledging receipt of the Memorial, in regard to the death of Mr. Frederick Fraley, that was adopted, October 24, 1901, by the Club, was directed to be placed on the Minutes.

"1833 Pine Street, November 13, 1901.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER, ESQ.,
SECRETARY FARMERS' CLUB,
PHILADELPHIA.

MY DEAR SIR:—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing copy of the Memorial adopted by the Farmers' Club on the occasion of my father's death.

On behalf of the other members of his family, and for myself, I desire to express to the Club the deep appreciation felt for the action thus taken.

My father's interest in the Club was indeed long continued and it was amply repaid by the pleasure which he always found in the associations that it brought.

That his feelings were fully reciprocated by his fellow members is manifest from the affectionate spirit of the Memorial which they have placed on record, and for which I thank them most heartily.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) JOSEPH C. FRALEY.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests Mr. Ely, Mr. Rea, Mr. Elkins, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cuyler, Senator Kean, Senator Hanna, Secretary of War Root, Postmaster General Smith, Mr. Brooks Adams.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Wednesday, January 15, 1902.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at the Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Mr. MacVeagh suggesting that cards should be printed, giving dates of 1902 dinners, was held for consideration till the June meeting. Mr. Baer stated that he had given the dinner a day earlier than the regular time, the 16th, on account of being unable to secure a room for it on that day.

At the Club meeting the following members were present: The President, Mr. Ellis and Judge Biddle, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

The Secretary was requested to communicate with Col. Morrell in regard to his giving a dinner in February on the 20th, the Thursday before the full moon. The meeting then adjourned.

Immediately after the adjournment of the meeting Col. Morrell came in and stated (when the Secretary told him of the Club's action) that he purposed giving a dinner in February, but that he might have to make the date the 27th instead of the 20th, the date named by the Club.

Mr. Baer had as guests Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Judge Landis, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Wm. L. Elkins, Mr. H. U. Hensel, Mr. W. N. Appel.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 6, 1902.—The Club dined with Col. Morrell at his house in Washington. Col. Morrell having written, explaining that owing to repairs that were being made at his house he had been unable to have his dinner in February, which was the month that had been assigned to him.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Mr. Fisher on March 20th.

Members of the Club present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Col. Morrell had as guests Senator Hanna, Senator Lodge, Senator Depew, Senator Hale, Senator Kean, Senator Penrose, Senator Elkins, Senator Wetmore, General Wilson, General Randolph, Mr. John G. Johnson, Post Master Gen. Payne, Attorney Genl. Knox, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. Loree.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 20, 1902.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at his country place, Brookwood. The members of the Club present were Judge Biddle, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer, and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Cameron that April was the month assigned to him and that the 17th would be the Thursday before the full moon, and therefore, the regular day for a Club dinner.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Judge Gray, Mr. F. E. Bond, Dr. Meigs, Dr. Sinkler, Mr. Packard, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. Wm. Read Fisher.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 8, 1902.—The Club met at Donegal, the residence of Ex-Senator Cameron. The members from Philadelphia went from Broad Street Station in a private car, furnished by the Pennsylvania Railroad, getting off it at Rheems, where carriages took them to Donegal, where they found Senator Cameron, with a number of his friends, looking over a choice lot of horses of his own breeding, which were to be sold in New York the week following.

The Club met at 4 o'clock. After the approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the question of the next meeting was discussed. It was decided to hold it at Mr. Griscom's, the date fixed was May 22. The meeting adjourned to dinner.

Senator Cameron had as guests Senator Jones, Senator Teller, Senator Cockrell, Judge Gray, Judge Brown, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Oliver, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Pugh, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Widener, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Cameron, Jr.

Mr. Ellis acted as Secretary.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 22, 1902.—The Club met at Mr. Griscom's country place, Dolobran, and dined with him at 6:30. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was arranged that the next meeting should be held June 19 (the Thursday before the full moon) at Mr. Cassatt's. The meeting then adjourned. Previous to the meeting, the members of the Club and Mr. Griscom's other guests had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Griscom's horses and stable and a fine lot of Guernsey cattle.

Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Senator Jones, Senator Hanna, Hon. Chas H. Grosvenor, Mr. S. C. Neale, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Widener, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Patton, Mr. Chas Steele, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Mr. Samuel Bettle and Mr. Rodman E. Griscom.

During the dinner a telegram was received from Mr. Baer, and Mr. Baer's health was drunk, with expressions of regret at his being unable to be present.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 19, 1902.—The Club dined at Mr. Cassatt's farm, Chesterbrook. Before reaching the house, while passing the barn, on the way from the station, the guests had the opportunity of seeing the sire and dam of Gold Heels, the winner of the Suburban. They were both in very good shape, and carried their years remarkably well. The Bard (the sire) is nineteen, and Heel and Toe (the dam) is twenty-two.

A meeting of the Club was held, before dining, and Mr. MacVeagh was elected President for the ensuing year. The President and Secretary of the Club were directed to have cards printed, giving the dates of the Thursdays before the full moon on which dinners will be given for the next twelve months, and the names of the persons, who will give them, and stating that no change can be made in regard to said date without permission of the Club.

It was decided that the months should be assigned as follows: July to Mr. Baer, August unassigned, September to Judge Biddle, October to Mr. Ellis, November to Mr. Harrison, December to Mr. MacVeagh, January to Mr. Wilbur, February to Mr. Morrell, March to Mr. Fisher, April to Senator Cameron, May to Mr. Griscom, June to Mr. Cassatt.

Before the printing of the cards the Secretary was directed to communicate with Mr. Wilbur and ask him whether January, the month just assigned him by the Club, would suit him as well as November, the month which he was in the habit of having. In case Mr. Wilbur replied, stating that January would not suit him as well, then the assignment just mentioned was directed to be changed so as to give November to Mr. Wilbur, and January to Mr. Harrison.

Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Judge Mitchell, Judge Logan, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Wm. Winsor, Mr. Rowland Evans, Mr. R. Penn Smith.

The date fixed for the July dinner, to be given by Mr. Baer, was July 17th, the Thursday before the full moon.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The drive through Chesterbrook was extremely pretty, and the green hedges and fine horses, sheep and cattle at pasture, were most attractive.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

On Thursday, July 17, 1902, the Club dined with Mr. Baer, at his country place, Hawthorne, adjoining the park, at Reading. The members of the Club and Mr. Baer's other guests were taken from Philadelphia to Reading and return by special train making very fast runs both ways. Before dinner a beautiful drive was taken on a four-in-hand brake through the park, and by Neversink Mountain which was much enjoyed.

The members of the Club present were Judge Biddle, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

The Club held a meeting and the committee consisting of the President and Secretary, that was appointed to have dinner cards printed, submitted a sample, stating that the Secretary had communicated with Mr. Wilbur as to whether January would suit him as well as his usual month, November, and found that he was unlikely to be at home in January. The committee therefore followed the instructions, given at the last meeting, as to assignment in case January should not suit Mr. Wilbur, and gave him November and Mr. Harrison January.

The Club passed a resolution that the present Club year shal run till the September in 1903, instead of terminating at the June meeting, of that year, and that thereafter the Club year shall run from September to September, instead of from June to June.

The sample card presented by committee assigning dinners for the remainder of the present Club year was approved, and the Secretary was directed to send cards to all the members. The dates assigned, being the Thursdays before the full moon, were as follows:

Judge Biddle, September 11, 1902; Mr. Ellis, October 16, 1902; Mr. Wilbur, November 13, 1902; Mr. MacVeagh, December 11, 1902; Mr. Harrison, January 8, 1903; Mr. Morrell, February 5, 1903; Mr. Fisher, March 12, 1902; Mr. Cameron, April 9, 1903; Mr. Griscom, May 7, 1903; Mr. Cassatt, June 4, 1903; Mr. Baer, July 2, 1903.

The meeting adjourned.

Mr. Baer had at dinner as guests Judge Gray, Judge Mitchell, General Gregg, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Dr. Muhlenberg, Mr. George Brooke, Mr. M. N. Messchart, Mr. F. L. Counard.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

The Club met at Andalusia, on Thursday, September 11, 1902.

Owing to absence from the city, and other unavoidable causes, only four of the members were present. Mr. MacVeagh, President, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Griscom and the Host, Judge Biddle.

Messrs. Cameron and Fisher were in Europe. Messrs. Cassatt, Morrell and Harrison at Bar Harbor, Mr. Wilbur was in Canada, and Mr. Baer was unable to be present. They came out on the 2:33 P.M. train to Andalusia, and went back on the 7:15 train from Torresdale.

The guests who came were Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. William Rotch Wister, Mr. Henry Flanders, Mr. Charles Biddle, Dr. Forbes, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Pierce Archer, Mr. Ellis Yarnall, making the dinner consist of twelve. It was a most beautiful all day; warm enough to sit on the piazza.

The above minutes were furnished by Judge Biddle.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

October 16, 1902.—The Club met at Foxhill, the residence of Mr. Ellis. Members present: Judge Biddle, Senator Cameron, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Wilbur stated that he would expect the Club to dine with him in November, at the Hotel Bellevue. Mr. Ellis had as guests Genl. Wilson, Col. Snowden, Mr. Deming, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Carson, Mr. W. S. Ellis, Senator Kean, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Struthers, Mr. Morris, Mr. Kreck. The above minutes were furnished by Mr. Ellis.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 13, 1902.—The Club dined at the Bellevue Hotel, Philadelphia, with Mr. Wilbur. A meeting of the Club was held, and it was agreed that the next meeting be on December 11th, at Mr. MacVeagh's.

Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Mr. Thomas Dolan, Col. A. Loudon Snowden, Mr. N. Parker Shortbridge, Mr. R. H. Wilbur, Mr

R. M. Gummere, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Mr. J. Davis Broadhead, Baron Von Leers, Dr. L. A. Salade, Mr. M. A. Wilbur, Mr. Samuel Dickson.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

December 11, 1902.—The Club met in Washington at the residence of Mr. MacVeagh. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The fixing of January 8th, as the time for the next dinner, and its assignment to Mr. Harrison were confirmed, and the Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Harrison.

At the meeting at Mr. Baer's, on July 17, 1902, a resolution was adopted, stipulating that the present Club year should run till September, and that thereafter, the Club years should run from September meeting to September meeting, instead of from June meeting to June meeting, as heretofore.

As this arrangement would prevent future year cards from beginning with September, which was the month it was thought desirable they should begin with (so as to present an unbroken sequence), the Club reconsidered its action and passed a resolution that the present year should end at the July meeting, and that thereafter the Club years should run from July meeting to July meeting.

By the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt a special car was provided to take the members of the Club and other guests from Philadelphia, to and from Washington.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests the British Ambassador; the Secretary of the Navy; Senator Lodge; Senator Depew; Senator Hanna; Senator Kean; Mr. Waterbury of New York; Mr. Kenney of Washington; Mr. Adams of Quincy, Massachusetts; Mr. Cuyler, of Philadelphia; Mr. Patterson, of Philadelphia; Mr. Ely, of Philadelphia; Col. Snowden, of Philadelphia; Mr. Patton, of Philadelphia and Mr. Massey.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Evening, January 8th.—The Club met at the house of Mr. Charles C. Harrison, 1618 Locust Street. Judge Biddle was called to the chair, and Mr. Harrison was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

In the absence of the Secretary, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with. The Secretary was requested to notify Col. Morrell of the dinner to be given by him on the evening of Thursday, February 5.

The members of the Club present were Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Baer, Mr. Harrison.

The guests of the evening were Hon. S. W. Pennypacker, Governor-elect; Commander Brownson; Dr. S. Weir Mitchell; Hon. James T. Mitchell; Hon. John P. Elkin, Attorney General State of Pennsylvania; Dr. Henry C. Chapman; Mr. Hampton L. Carson; Mr. Richard C. Dale; Mr. Thomas H. Watkins; Mr. George L. Harrison, Jr.; Hon. Nelson W. Aldrich; U. S. Senator from Rhode Island; Mr. John Thompson Spencer.

(Signed) CHARLES C. HARRISON,
Secretary pro tem.

The above Minutes were forwarded by Mr. Harrison.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 5, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Morrell at his house in Washington, and through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt, the members of the Club and other guests from Philadelphia were taken to Washington, in his private car on a special train.

Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, Senator John Kean, Hon. Jacob H. Gallinger, Hon. S. E. Payne, Hon. Charles E. Littlefield, Hon. Charles H. Grosvenor, Hon. Jesse Overstreet, Hon. John A. T. Hall, Hon. J. G. Cannon, Mr. Woodbury Blair, Mr. Charles C. Glover, Mr. Hugh Legree, Mr. Samuel Spencer, Mr. John Cassels, Mr. James W. Paul, Jr., Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 12, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher, at his country place, Brookwood, and through the courtesy of Mr. Baer, the members of the Club, and other guests, were brought from Philadelphia and taken back by a special train.

Members of the Club present Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Mr. Edward B. Smith, Mr. T. De Witt Cuyler, Mr. Edward B. Meigs, Mr. James W. Paul, Dr. Wharton Sinkler, Mr. Richard C. Dale, Mr. J. Cheston Morris, Jr., Mr. Louis A. Biddle, Mr. R. H. Bayard Bowie.

A letter from Mr. F. C. Morehead, dated February 16, 1903, from 22 W. 32nd Street, N. Y., requesting permission to come to a meeting of the Club and address it in regard to a matter connected with the improvement of agriculture, was read and placed upon the table.

The Secretary was requested to communicate with Ex-Senator Cameron and tell him that (subject to his convenience) the assignment of the next dinner to him, and the fixing of April 9th as its date as stated on Club card, were confirmed.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 23, 1903.—The Club dined with Ex-Senator Cameron at his country place, Donegal. Members of the Club and other guests, were, through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt, taken both ways, from and to Philadelphia, by special train.

Members of the Club present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Other guests present: Mr. Oliver, Judge Gray, Judge Brown, Mr. Robbins, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Bradly, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gadsden, Mr. James Cameron, Mr. Rutherford.

The assignment and date for the next dinner, as given on the Club card, were confirmed, viz., to Mr. Griscom on May 7.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 7, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Griscom, at his country place, Dolobran. Members of the Club present: The Hon. J. Donald Cameron, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. Rudolph Ellis, The Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Mr. George F. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mr. John I. Waterbury, the Hon. George Gray, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr.

E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Charles E. Pugh, Mr. Charles H. Cramp, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Mr. Clement A. Griscom, Jr., Mr. Robert E. Griscom, The Hon. Lloyd C. Griscom, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, Mr. James A. Wright.

The date for the next meeting, viz., June 4, and its assignment to Mr. Cassatt were confirmed, and the Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mr. Griscom acted as Secretary, *pro tem.*

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 4, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Cassatt at Chesterbrook farm. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests General Wilson, Judge Mitchell, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. William Winsor, Mr. R. Penn Smith.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The assignment on the Club card of the next dinner, to Mr. Baer, and the fixing of July 2nd as the date for it were confirmed.

The Secretary was requested to have prepared, and to submit for adoption at the annual meeting in July, a sample Club Card for the ensuing year.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 2, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer, at Bruin's Choice, Mr. Baer's farm near Reading, going and returning by special train.

Before dinner a beautiful view of the Schuylkill River was enjoyed from the piazza; and suits, which were in waiting, enabled those who wished to bathe, to enjoy a swim in the river. Those who did not care to bathe were taken on a delightful trip up and down the river in Mr. Baer's electric launch.

Members of the Club present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Col. Morrell was elected President for the ensuing year.

The Secretary reported, that, when preparing, as directed at the last meeting (for submission for adoption) a Club Card for the ensuing year, he had found that there would be no Thursday before the full moon during the Month of November, but that in October there would be two Thursdays before full moon, namely, 6th, and Thursday, October 29th. The Secretary further reported that in December there would also be two Thursdays before full moon, namely, Thursday, December 3rd, and Thursday, December 31st. He, therefore, suggested that the latter of the two Thursdays mentioned in October, namely, October 29th be fixed upon as the date for the October dinner, and that the latter of the two Thursdays mentioned in December, namely, December 31, be fixed upon, as the date for the December dinner; and that the last Thursday in November, namely, November 26th, be fixed upon as the date for the November dinner. These dates were suggested because while they would not only (as nearly as would be possible) fulfil the Club requirements, in regard to the Thursday preceding the full moon being selected, they would also make periods of about the same length between the dinners. The October and December dates suggested would fulfill the Club's requirement, and the November one would nearly do so, as it would only be eight days previous to the full moon of Friday, December 4th.

The Secretary also stated that there would be a full moon on Sunday, September 6th, and that the Thursday before it would be September 3rd, and that while this would be the regular day for the September dinner, he thought that possibly the Club would prefer to substitute the last Thursday in the month, September 24th, for it. This substitution, while irregular on account of being twelve days previous to a full moon, that of October 6, would have the advantage of making the dinner occur at a time when there would be more people at home that could go to it, and would also make a more uniform interval between it and the succeeding dinner, should the previous suggestion in regard to dates be adopted.

The Club having learned from Judge Biddle, to whom September was about to be assigned, that the proposed substitution would suit him, adopted it. The Club also approved of the dates suggested for the October, November and December dinners.

The Secretary then submitted a Club Card for the ensuing year, with the following dates and assignments which were approved. The dates given being all Thursdays immediately preceding a full moon, with the exception of those for September and November. Judge Biddle, September 24, 1903; Mr. Ellis, October 29, 1903; Mr. Wilbur, November 26, 1903; Mr. MacVeagh, December 31, 1903; Mr. Harrison, January 25, 1904; Mr. Morrell, February 5, 1904; Mr. Fisher, March 24, 1904; Mr. Cameron, April 28, 1904; Mr. Griscom, May 26, 1904; Mr. Cassatt, June 23, 1904; Mr. Baer, July 21, 1904.

Mr. Baer had as guests Gen. Brooke, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Gowen, Mr. Morris, Judge Mitchell, Mr. Stotesbury, Col. Knowden, Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones, Mr. Appel, Mr. Connard.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 24, 1903.—The Club dined with Judge Biddle at Andalusia. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Judge Biddle had as guests Mr. William Rotch Wister, Mr. Henry Flanders, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Walter George Smith, Dr. Minis Hays, Mr. Samuel Hinds Thomas, Mr. Edward Biddle.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 29, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Foxhill. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Wilbur stated that the day assigned to him on the Club's card (viz., November 26) would be Thanksgiving day and that for that reason he would prefer to postpone his dinner a week and give it on Thursday, December 3. This change was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Judge Gray and General Wilson from Delaware; Senator Kean and Mr. Amos T. French from New

Jersey; and Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. W. D. Winsor, Mr. W. R. Wood, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Randal Morgan, Captain Green, Mr. W. Struthers, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 3, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. Wilbur at the Bellevue in Philadelphia. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The date for the next dinner, December 31, and its assignment to Mr. MacVeagh as stated on the club card were confirmed.

Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests General Greely, Baron Von Leers, Dr. Saladé, Mr. Joseph Wharton, Mr. L. L. Rue, Mr. H.S. Drinker, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Dr. I. M. Drown, Col. A. Loudon Snowden, Mr. J. M. Lamberton, Mr. W. A. Lathrop.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 31, 1903.—The Club dined with Mr. MacVeagh at his residence, 1719 Massachusetts Avenue, in the City of Washington. Mr. Morrell presided and Mr. Ellis was appointed Secretary, when the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The date for the next dinner, January 28, 1904, and its assignment to Mr. Harrison as stated on the Club card, were confirmed. Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Col. Morrell, Mr. Harrison and the Host.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests General Rayes of Columbia, Mr. Justice Harlan and Mr. Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court of the United States; Mr. Justice Gray of the Circuit Court of the United States; The Secretary of War, the Postmaster General, Senator Lodge, Senator Spooner, Senator Depew, Mr. Brooks Adams, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Cassels, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Patton, Mr. Keney, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ely.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 28, 1904.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison, at his residence, 1618 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Mr. Morrell presided, and Mr. Harrison was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. The date for the next dinner, February 25, 1904, and its assignment to Mr. Morrell, as stated, on the Club card, were confirmed. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Baer, Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Admiral Sigsbee, Dr. James Carroll, Washington, D. C., Hon. Henry M. Hoyt, U. S. Solicitor General, Judge Willson, Judge MacPherson, Judge Sulzberger, Mr. J. Levering Jones, Mr. Randal Morgan.

(Signed) CHAS C. HARRISON,
Secretary pro tem.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 25, 1904.—A stated meeting of the Farmers' Club was held at the residence of Hon. Edward Morrell, 1701 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Morrell stated that Mr. Fisher had informed him that, owing to a death in his family, he would be unable to entertain the Club in the month assigned to him. It was therefore resolved by the Club that the March dinner be dispensed with, and that the Club should dine with Mr. Cameron on the day fixed in the schedule. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Morrell had as guests His Excellency the Russian Ambassador, Count Cassini; His Excellency, the Austrian Ambassador, Mr. Ladislaus Hengelmuller Von Hengevar; His Excellency, the British Ambassador, Sir Mortimer Durane; The Secretary of War, Hon. Wm. H. Taft; the Postmaster General, Hon. Henry C. Payne; The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Wm. H. Moody; the Speaker, Hon. J. C. Cannon; Senator Chauncey M. Depew, New York; Senator John Kean of New Jersey; Senator R. A. Alger of Michigan; Mr. Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania; General Draper; General Wallace Randolph, United States Army; Col.

Clarence Edwards, United States Army; Col. John Biddle, United States Army; Mr. C. C. Glover, Mr. John G. Johnson of Philadelphia, Mr. Francis Edward Bond of Philadelphia, Hon. John Weaver of Philadelphia, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler of Philadelphia; Mr. Charlton Yarnall of Philadelphia, Mr. Amos T. French of New York; Judge George Gray of Wilmington, Del.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 19, 1904.—The Club dined with Ex-Senator Cameron at his country place, Donegal. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host. Other guests present: Mr. Dolan, Judge Gray, Judge Brown, Hon. W. W. Hensel, Mr. M. Olmstead, Hon. Lyman Gilbert, Hon. V. C. McCormick, Hon. L. S. Hart, Mr. James Cameron, Mr. A. C. Rutherford.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 26, 1906.—A stated meeting of The Farmers' Club was held at Mr. Griscom's country place, Dolobran. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Other guests present: Judge George Gray; Maj. Gen. James H. Wilson, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Samuel, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. William A. Patten, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. B. Frank Clyde, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Mr. C. Hartman Kahn, Mr. John G. Johnson, Mr. R. E. Griscom, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Jr., Mr. S. Reading Bertron, Mr. R. P. Shiverion, Col. A. Louden Snowden, Mr. Joseph G. Darlington, Mr. Norman B. Ream.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 9, 1904.—The Club dined at Mr. Cassatt's farm Chesterbrook. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was arranged that Mr. Baer's dinner should be given on June 30 instead of July 21, as fixed by the Club's card.

Mr. Cassatt had as guests Hon. Philander C. Knox, Mr. H. C. Frick, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Justice Brown, Mr. W. A. Patton, Governor Pennypacker, Hon. Boies Penrose, Mr. R. K. Cassatt.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 30, 1904.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer, at his farm, Bruin's Choice. Members present: Senator Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests Judge Gray, Gen. J. H. Wilson, Gen. D. M. M. Gregg, Mr. N. B. Ream, Senator Higgins, Col. Dupont, Dr. Draper, Judge Mitchell, Judge Brown, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Mr. Wm. N. Appel, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. James W. Paul, Mr. Frank Connard, Mr. H. L. Smith.

Members of the Club and guests left the Reading Terminal, in Mr. Baer's car and on reaching Reading went in carriages to Bruin's Choice, Mr. Baer's very attractive cabin on the banks of the Schuylkill.

The Club was called to order, when Mr. Ellis, in the absence of the Secretary, submitted the dates, for the dinner, for the year commencing September 22, all of which were approved, Judge Biddle giving the first dinner. The party returned over the Pennsylvania Railroad.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 22, 1904.—The Club dined with Judge Biddle, at his country place, Andalusia, which with its lawn shaded by fine old trees, and bounded by the river, looked most beautiful.

Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Judge Biddle had as guests Mr. Henry Flanders, Mr. Wm. Rotch Wister, Mr. Sussex Davis, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. F. A. Lewis, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. Edward Biddle, Mr. Charles Biddle.

As the annual election for President had not been held for the July meeting (the usual time) an election was held at this meeting. Col. Morrell was the retiring President. The Club's custom

being to select the member next in order in length of membership and the Secretary, who was next in order, in this way being ineligible, on account of holding secretaryship, Mr. Harrison, who stood next in order to him, was elected.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 20, 1904.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his beautiful country place, Foxhill. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Judge Gray, Mr. Jos. Wood, Col. Snowden, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. J. B. Thayer, Jr., Gen. Wilson, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Rea, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Tatnall, Mr. W. E. Ellis.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

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1859.	Judge Biddle	Made Honorary Member 1907
1876.	J. D. Cameron	July
1886.	E. P. Wilbur	November
1887.	C. A. Griscom	May
1888.	A. J. Cassatt	
1892.	Rudulph Ellis	October
1893.	Wayne MacVeagh	December
1895.	Edward Morrell	April
1898.	James Logan Fisher	March
1900.	Charles C. Harrison	January
1901.	George F. Baer	June
1907.	James McCrea	September
1907.	Thomas de Witt Cuyler	August
1907.	Edward T. Stotesbury	February

Thursday, November 17, 1904.—The Club dined with Mr. Wilbur, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia. Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer and the Host.

The date for the next dinner, December 15, and its assignment to Mr. MacVeagh as stated on the Club card, were confirmed.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Col. A. Loudon Snowden, Hon. Henry McAlpin, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Mr. Rollin H. Wilbur, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Mr. H. S. Drinker, Mr. John Fritz, Mr. Joseph Wharton, Mr. Samuel Rea, Dr. L. A. Saladé, Mr. R. M. Gummere.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 15, 1904.—The Club dined with Mr. MacVeagh at his house in Washington and through the courtesy of Mr. Cassatt the members and other guests were taken in his private car to Washington and a special compartment sleeping car was attached to the night train, for their use on returning to Philadelphia. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison and the Host.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The date for the next dinner, January 19th, and its assignment to Mr. Harrison, as stated on the Club card, were confirmed.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests The Vice-President, the Secretary of War, The Secretary of the Navy, The Speaker, Senator Lodge, Senator Kean, Senator Penrose, Senator Knox, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Brooks Adams, Col. Snowden, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Patton, Mr. Ely. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 19, 1905.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison, at his house in Philadelphia. Members present: Judge Biddle, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Harrison presented a telegram, received by him from Mr. Morrell, dated St. Augustine, Florida, stating:

"Sorry cannot be with you to-night. Please ask members of The Farmers' Club permission for me to postpone my dinner until February 23, or March 9th, on account of illness."

The opinion of the members present was, that if Mr. Morrell could have his dinner on February 23rd, it would be well to

postpone the dinner till then; but that if he could not give it till March, it would be better if he and the Secretary (whose dinner was to take place in March) could arrange to exchange months, and thereby prevent two dinners from occurring in the same month, and the Secretary was requested to communicate with Mr. Morrell and see what arrangements could be made.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Hon. T. B. Loomis, First Assistant Secretary of State, Commander Brownson, Prof. William M. Sloane, Mr. Francis Bartlett, Senator Aldrich, Mr. Julian Story, Dr. Henry C. Chapman, Mr. Howard Pyle, Mr. Edward K. Rowland, Captain Hugh B. Protheroe Smith, 21st English Lancers; Mr. J. Levering Jones, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Prof. John B. McMaster.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 23, 1905.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at his country place, Brookwood. Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer and the Host.

The Secretary stated, that as requested at the January meeting, he had written to Mr. Morrell telling him, that, if as his telegram indicated, it should be impossible for him to give his dinner in February, it had been suggested that they should this year exchange months so as to prevent two dinners from occurring in the same month, and that Mr. Morrell having replied that he would like such an exchange, his (the Secretary's) dinner was therefore being given in February, and Mr. Morrell's would be given in March.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Judge Gray, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. Wm. Rotch Wister, Dr. Wharton Sinkler, Mr. Thomas Ridgway, Mr. C. Morton Smith, Mr. J. Percy Keating, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. Thomas Cadwalader.

On motion, after the Minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 30, 1905.—The Club dined with Mr. Morrell at his residence in Washington, and through the courtesy of Mr.

Cassatt its members and Mr. Morrell's other guests were taken from Philadelphia to Washington in Mr. Cassatt's private car, and a special compartment sleeper was provided for the use of those who wished to return to Philadelphia by the night train.

The date for the next dinner, April 13th, and its assignment to Mr. Cameron as stated on the Club's card, were confirmed.

Members present: Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Hon. Nicholas Longworth, Judge Charles E. Magoon, Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of Treasury; Gen. William T. Draper, Hon. James M. Beck, Mr. Julian Story, Mr. Edward Browning, Mr. Herbert G. Dering, Mr. William A. Patton, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Senator Stephen B. Elkins, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Senator John Kean, Mr. Clement B. Newbold, His Excellency, Mr. J. J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador; His Excellency, Freiherr Speck Von Sternburg, the German Ambassador.

On motion, after the Minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 4, 1905.—The Club dined with Mr. Griscom at his country place, Dolobran. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. Baer stated that it would be inconvenient for him to give his dinner on July 13, the date assigned by the Club card, and asked if he might give it on May 25. This was agreed to.

Mr. Cameron stated that Mr. Cassatt was not going to give a dinner this year; and that he, Mr. Cameron, having been unable to give his dinner on April 13, the date assigned to him, would like to give it on June 15th, the date assigned to Mr. Cassatt. This was agreed to.

As owing to the above changes, the annual July meeting would be omitted this year, the Secretary was requested to submit for approval at the June 15th meeting, a sample Club card for the ensuing year.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. B. F. Clyde, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Mr. John H. Michener, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. Richard H. Rushton, Mr.

Charles K. Beekman, Mr. F. W. Woolworth, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. S. Reading Bertron, Mr. Rodman E. Griscom, Mr. Samuel R. Shipley, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. Isaac H. Clothier, Mr. John P. Green, Mr. R. W. Jones, Jr., Mr. Joseph G. Darlington, Mr. William A. Patton, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Jr., Mr. William D. Winsor, Mr. Francis B. Reeves, Mr. S. F. Houston, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. Erskine Hewitt, Mr. George A. Huhn.

On motion, after the Minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 25, 1905.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at Bruin's Choice, near Reading, Pennsylvania. Members present: Senator Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Col. Morrell and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests Mr. W. A. Appel, Mr. Wm. G. Coxe, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. F. L. Connard, Mr. Lee Dickson, Mr. Robert W. De Forrest, Hon. John N. Ermentrout, Mr. G. A. Endhek, Genl. Gregg, Hon. George Gray, Hon. J. T. Mitchell, Dr. Muhlenberg, Dr. S. W. Mitchell, Gov. Pennypacker, Mr. G. Heber Smith, Mr. F. C. Smink, E. T. Stotesbury, W. D. Smith, Mr. E. B. Thomas, Genl. J. H. Wilson, Mr. P. A. B. Widener.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 14, 1905.—The Club on invitation of Senator Cameron went to Donegal to dine, Senator Cameron having taken Mr. Cassatt's day, he being unable to entertain the members.

Members present: Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, President; Mr. Ellis and the Host.

Senator Cameron had as guests Gov. Pennypacker, Genl. F. D. Grant, Genl. J. H. Wilson, Mr. H. C. Frick, Judge Gray, Senator Penrose, Judge J. Hay Brown, Mr. W. A. Patton, Mr. W. U. Hensel.

Through the kindness of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the party went and returned in a private car.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, September 14, 1905.—On invitation of Judge Biddle, the Club went by train from Broad Street Station to Andalusia to dine. Members present: Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer, President; Mr. Wilbur and the Host.

Judge Biddle had as guests Mr. Henry Flanders, Mr. Theodore Etting, Mr. Rotch Wister, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Ed. Biddle, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. S. H. Thomas, Mr. Walter G. Smith.

The date fixed for the next monthly dinner was October 12th, at Foxhill, the residence of Mr. Rudolph Ellis.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, October 12, 1905.—Owing to Mr. Ellis' inability to have the members at his home, Mr. MacVeagh invited the Club to come to his country place. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Baer and the Host.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests Major Bent, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Darlington, Mr. Patton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Tatnall, Mr. Richard Wood, Mr. Howard Wood, Mr. Bodine, Col. Snowden.

On adjourning the Club agreed to dine with Mr. Wilbur at the Bellevue-Stratford, November 9th.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, November 9, 1905.—On invitation of Mr. Wilbur, the Club met at the Bellevue-Stratford. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. MacVeagh, Col. Morrell, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Baer, and the Host.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Bishop E. Talbot, Dr. H. S. Drinker, E. P. Wilbur, Jr., W. A. Wilbur, Col. Snowden, Mr. Lamberton, Mr. Delano, Mr. Stotesbury, R. K. Wilbur, Mr. Gowen, Mr. Kingston, Mr. Olmstead.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, January 11, 1906.—On invitation of Mr. C. C. Harrison, the Club met at his house, 1618 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer and the Host.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Club were read and approved, the matter of the February dinner was referred to Mr. Morrell. No further business offering, the members adjourned for dinner at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Harrison had as guests: Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Dr. Edgar F. Smith, Genl. Young, Rear Admiral Ludlow, Mr. John Hays Hammond, Rear Admiral Craig, Mr. A. B. Coxe, Dr. H. C. Chapman, Col. Sheldon Potter, W. A. Glasgow, Jr., Mr. Levering Jones, Mr. James M. Beck, Mr. C. C. Harrison, Jr.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, May 3, 1906.—The Club, on invitation from Mr. Griscom, met at Dolobran; no dinner having been given in March or April. March was Mr. Fisher's month, while April, the month assigned to Senator Cameron, his absence prevented his having the Club at his proper date.

Mr. Griscom had the following members at his dinner: Hon. J. D. Cameron and Mr. Ellis.

The following guests were present: Mr. Geo. F. Baker, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Hon. John Dalzell, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Hon. Geo. Gray, Mr. C. A. Griscom, Jr., Mr. R. W. Lesley, Jr., Mr. S. C. Neale, Mr. Wm. A. Patton, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Mr. G. D. Widener, Mr. S. Reading Bertron, Mr. I. H. Clothier, Mr. J. G. Darlington, Mr. G. W. Elkins, Hon. C. H. Grosvener, Mr. G. H. Huhn, Dr. S. W. Mitchell, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Julian Story, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. W. D. Winsor.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, June 7, 1906.—The Club, on invitation of Senator Cameron, met at Donegal Farm, Lancaster County, Pa. A number of members and guests left Broad Street Station on Mr. Cassatt's car at 2 o'clock and landed at Rhems Station where carriages took us to Donegal. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Cassatt, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer, Mr. Ellis and the Host.

At the usual meeting of the members, it was decided to have the next meeting of the Club at Bruin's Rest, the quaint little property of Mr. Baer's, near Reading.

Senator Cameron had as guests Hon. George Gray, Hon. Boies Penrose, Hon. J. Hay Brown, Hon. Robert Ralston, Mr. Dawson Coleman, Mr. Henry Fairfax, Mr. Vance McCormick, Mr. D. C. Haldeman, Mr. J. D. Cameron, Mr. Ed. Coleman.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, July 3, 1906.—The Club at the request of Mr. Baer met at Bruin's Choice, near the city of Reading, after leaving Philadelphia on Mr. Baer's car from the Reading Terminal. Members present: Mr. Cassatt, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Harrison, Senator Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Ellis and the Host. After the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting, the members adjourned to meet at Judge Biddle's in September.

Mr. Baer had as guests Mr. W. A. Appel, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Hon. George Gray, Hon. Jas. T. Mitchell, Mr. Herbert L. Smith, Mr. W. G. Coxe, Mr. Frank L. Cannard, Mr. Saml. Dickson, Mr. Richard L. Jones, Mr. Norman B. Ream, Genl. J. H. Wilson.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Judge Biddle, owing to poor health, could not give his dinner in September.

Thursday, October 5, 1906.—The Club met at the country house, Foxhill, of Mr. Ellis. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Baer and the Host. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Wilbur was requested to fix a date for entertaining the Club in November.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Mr. Schiff, Genl. Wilson, Dr. Musser, Mr. Dolan, Mr. H. W. Biddle, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Dr. Draper, Captain J. P. Green, Mr. Rea, Mr. Bond, Mr. Wm. Struthers, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, November 15, 1906.—The Club dined with Mr. Wilbur at the Bellevue-Stratford. Mr. Wilbur had the following members with him: Mr. Baer, Genl. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr.

Ellis. After the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting at the Club, the question of the next dinner was discussed and the date was fixed by Mr. Harrison for early in January, 1907.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Mr. John D. Broadhead, Baron Von Leers, Mr. Jos. Wharton, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Gummere, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Mr. Wm. Lathrop, Col. A. L. Snowden, Mr. Stotesbury, Dr. H. S. Drinker, Bishop Talbot, Mr. R. H. Wilbur.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Owing to the death of Mr. A. J. Cassatt, a member of the Club, who died December 28, 1906, Mr. C. C. Harrison did not have his regular dinner in January.

Thursday, February 21, 1907.—The Club met at the residence of Hon. Edward Morrell, Washington, D. C. Members present: Mr. Ellis and the Host. No action was taken as to the date of the next dinner. Mr. Morrell had as guests Secretary of War, Mr. Taft; Speaker of the House, Mr. Cannon; Governor of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stuart; Senator Aldrich, Senator Depew, Senator Kean, Senator Lodge, Senator Crane, Senator Foraker, Senator Knox, Senator Penrose, Judge Gray, Mr. T. DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. J. Thomson Spencer, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury.

The Vice-President, Mr. Fairbanks, called later in the evening.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, May 23, 1907.—On invitation of Mr. Griscom, the Club met at Dolobran. Members of the Club present: Mr. Baer, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Ellis and the Host. The resignation of Judge Biddle was handed to the Acting Secretary by Mr. Griscom and accepted by the members present with regret and on motion of Mr. Baer, Judge Biddle was made an honorary member of the Club, the President being requested to notify Judge Biddle of Club action. On motion of Mr. Griscom, the following gentlemen were elected members of the Club to fill existing vacancies: Mr. James McCrea, Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mayor Reyburn, James McCrea, E. B. Morris, C. E. Pugh, P. A. B. Widener, S. R. Bertron, H. A. Michener, G. A. Huhn, I. H. Clothier, E. T. Stotesbury, Judge Ralston, S. C. Neale, J. I. Waterbury, S. Weir Mitchell, G. F. Baker, J. B. Thayer, C. E. Ingersoll, T. DeWitt Cuyler, C. A. Griscom, Jr., R. E. Griscom, Samuel Bettle.

R. ELLIS,
Acting Secretary.

Thursday, June 20, 1907.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at Bruin's Choice, his farm near Reading. The members of the Club and Mr. Baer's other guests were taken to and from Philadelphia by special train over the Reading Railway. Before dinner, those who wished to, had a swim, and others had the pleasure of taking a trip up the river in Mr. Baer's launch. Members of the Club present were Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests Mr. W. N. Appel, Judge J. Hay Brown, Mr. Frank L. Connard, Mr. William Griscom Coxe, Judge George Gray, Mr. Isaac Heister, Mr. Richmond L. Jones, Mr. Heber L. Smith, Judge Vernon M. Davis, Mr. R. W. DeForrest, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Charles W. Gould, Hon. W. U. Hensel, Judge George C. Holt, Chief Justice James T. Mitchell, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Judge Henry Galbraith Ward.

A meeting of the Club was held at which the Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Senator Cameron was elected President for the ensuing year, Mr. Fisher was elected Secretary. It was decided that the Club year should run from July to July, instead of from September to September. The dates for dinners during the coming Club year were fixed as follows on Thursdays before the full moon.

Senator Cameron, July 18, 1907; Mr. Cuyler, August 22, 1907; Mr. McCrea, September 19, 1907; Mr. Ellis, October 17, 1907; Mr. Wilbur, November 14, 1907; Mr. MacVeagh, December 12, 1907; Mr. Harrison, January 16, 1908; Mr. Stotesbury, February 13, 1908; Mr. Fisher, March 12, 1908; Mr. Morrell, April 9, 1908; Mr. Griscom, May 14, 1908; Mr. Baer, June 11, 1908.

The Secretary was requested to have a Club card prepared giving these dates and having Judge Biddle's name on it as Honorary Member.

Mr. Baer presented the following correspondence in regard to Judge Biddle's resignation. He, Mr. Baer, having as President, in compliance with request of May meeting, notified Judge Biddle of Club's action.

"2035 Pine Street, May 13, 1907.

MY DEAR MR. GRISCOM:—

I am sorry to be unable to join our Farmers' Club dinner on May 23 at Dolobran. The fact is I am no longer able to take an active part in its proceedings. It was on the 25th of May, 1859, that I joined; so now on this 25th of May, I will drop out.

Will you kindly ask our associates to consider me for the future as no longer available, and to elect someone else in my place?

With my warmest regards

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) CRAIG BIDDLE.

"Reading Terminal, Philadelphia,
May 24, 1907.

MY DEAR JUDGE:—

The members of the Farmers' Club have instructed me, as acting President, to express to you their great regret at receiving your resignation. In appreciation of your most agreeable companionship for so many years and as an expression of the personal regard each member has for you, the Club has elected you as Honorary Member.

Yours truly,
GEO. T. BAER.

To Hon. Craig Biddle.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 18.—The Club dined with Ex-Senator Cameron at Donegal Farm, being taken to and from Philadelphia through the courtesy of Mr. McCrea, by a special train; and spent a very pleasant day. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Fisher and the Host.

Senator Cameron had as guests Governor Stuart, Mr. James M. Cameron, Chief Justice Mitchell, Judge Kunkel, Judge Gray, Judge Brown, Mr. E. R. Coleman, Judge Stewart, Ex-Attorney

Genl. Hensel, Attorney Genl. Todd, Professor Hart, Mr. Fairfax, Mr. B. D. Coleman, Mr. A. C. Rutherford. A meeting was held and the Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 19, 1907.—The Club dined with Mr. McCrea at his country place near Ardmore. Members present: Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. McCrea had as guests Chief Justice Mitchell, Judge Gray, Attorney General Todd, Mr. Isaac H. Clothier, Mr. Joseph Wood, Mr. F. D. Underwood, Mr. George V. Massey, Mr. James A. McCrea, Mr. A. M. McCrea, Mr. John B. Thayer, Mr. John P. Green.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Cuyler was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

It not being convenient for Mr. Ellis to give his dinner on October 17, the Thursday before the full moon, it was agreed that it should be given on October 10.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 10, 1907.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Ex-Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Mr. Tatnall, Ex-Senator Higgins, Genl. Wilson, Mr. Rea, State Senator Sproul, Mr. Dolan, Judge Gray, Mr. H. W. Biddle, Mr. Thayer, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 14, 1907.—The Club dined with Mr. Wilbur at the Bellevue-Stratford. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Wilbur had as guests Dr. Henry S. Drinker, Dr. Wm. L. Estes, Mr. W. A. Lathrop, Mr. W. A. Wilbur, Mr. R. H. Wilbur,

Mr. E. P. Wilbur, Jr., Baron H. Von Leers, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. James M. Lamberton, Mr. P. L. Senat, Mr. Levi L. Rue.

A telegram from Mr. MacVeagh stated that he could not have his December dinner.

A meeting of the Club was held, and the Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 12, 1907.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Members present: Mr. Wilbur, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests from New York Mr. E. B. Thomas, Mr. Paul Morton, Mr. Edward Berwind, Mr. Paul D. Cravath, Mr. C. C. Cuyler; from Washington, Admiral Brownson; from Pittsburgh, Joseph Wood; from Wilmington, Hon. George Gray; from Garden City, L. I., Ralph Peters; from Philadelphia, Mr. John B. Thayer, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. Charles E. Pugh, Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoll, Mr. Clement B. Newbold, Mr. Samuel Dickson.

A special train for guests from New York was run to and from Jersey City to Haverford, Mr. Cuyler's Station.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 16, 1908.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison, at his house in Philadelphia. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Dr. Henry C. Chapman, Mr. Owen Wister, Judge Gray, Mr. George H. Frazier, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. F. A. Vanderlip, Admiral Brownson, Mr. W. A. Glasgow, Mr. James M. Beck, Mr. E. W. Clark, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Mr. Charles E. Pugh, Mr. H. W. Harrison, Dr. J. Wm. White.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 13, 1908.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury, at his house in Philadelphia. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Members present Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison and the Host. Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Attorney General M. Hampton Todd, Judge Gray, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. James W. Paul, Jr., Col. A. Loudon Snowden, Mr. George F. Baker of New York; Mr. George W. Perkins of New York; Mr. Edward D. Toland; Mr. William D. Winsor, Mr. Clement B. Newbold, Mr. George K. Johnson, Col. R. Dale Benson, Genl. James H. Wilson, Mr. George H. McFadden, Mr. Alexander Van Rensselaer.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

There were no dinners given during the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, 1908.

Thursday, September 24, 1908.—The Club dined with Mr. McCrea at the Racquet Club. Members present Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. McCrea had as guests Mr. J. G. Cassatt, Mr. W. S. Ellis, Mr. Allen Evans, Mr. J. P. Green, Mr. M. C. Kennedy, Hon. James T. Mitchell, Mr. George Philler, Mr. J. B. Thayer, Mr. George Wood, Mr. S. E. Hutchinson, Mr. R. E. Griscom, Mr. S. P. Hutchinson, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. George V. Massey, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. E. B. Smith, Mr. E. B. Thomas, Mr. Joseph Wood.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 8, 1908.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at Reading, the members and other guests being taken from Philadelphia to Reading and back by special train, through the courtesy of Mr. Baer. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests General Brooke, Col. DuPont, Mr. De Forest, Mr. Coxe, Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Appel, Judge Endlich, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Heister.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and Mr. Ellis said he would give a dinner on October 15.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 15, 1908.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Senator Knox, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Wm. Struthers, Genl. Wilson, Mr. Francis E. Bond, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Mr. Harry W. Biddle, Mr. Wm. S. Ellis.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and Mr. Griscom stated that should Mr. Wilbur not wish to give a dinner in November that he, Mr. Griscom, would like to give one.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 18, 1908.—The Club dined with Mr. Griscom at his country place, Dolobran. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Griscom had as guests Mr. Tower, Mr. Yarnall, Mr. Rodman E. Griscom, Mr. C. Clothier, Mr. Widener, Judge Gray, Mr. Wood, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bodine, Mr. George D. Widener, Mr. Clement B. Wood.

The Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. Wilbur, asking whether he would like to give a dinner in November, and that Mr. Wilbur's secretary had written saying Mr. Wilbur would be unable to give one on account of illness.

It was decided that the club year should run from January to January, hereafter, and Mr. Griscom was elected President for the year 1909.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Evening, January 7, 1909.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his house in Philadelphia. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Mr. Tower, Admiral Pendleton, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Yarnall, Mr. Emory McMichael, Mr. John B. Thayer, Admiral Brownson, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Vance McCormick, Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. George

Stuart Patterson, Judge Gray, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, General Wilson, Chief Justice Mitchell.

The Club adjourned to meet at Mr. E. T. Stotesbury's on the evening of Thursday, February 4th.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Evening, February 4, 1909.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr Cuyler and the Host.

Letters of regret were received from absent members and a cable from Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Mr. E. M. Robinson, Mr. Henry S. Grove, Mr. George Wharton Pepper, Dr. John H. Musser, Dr. Robert Le Comte, Hon. Robert Ralston, Mr. Charles S. W. Packard, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Henry F. Davison from New York, Mr. Wm. H. Porter from New York, Mr. Wm. G. Bosler from New York, Mr. Oscar G. Murray from Baltimore.

No place was arranged for the next dinner.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER.
Secretary.

Thursday, May 6, 1909.—The Club dined with Mr. Griscom at his country place, Dolobran. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. Griscom had as guests The Honorable Charlemagne Tower, The Hon. George Gray, Mr. S. C. Neale, Lieut. Genl. Henry C. Corbin, Clement A. Griscom, Jr., Capt. John P. Green, Mr. Charles E. Pugh, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. John I. Waterbury, Mr. George F. Baker, Mr. Francis L. Hine, Rear Admiral Nathan E. Niles, Mr. Paul D. Cravath, Genl. James H. Wilson, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, The Hon. E. H. Gary, Mr. Andrew Gray, the Mayor of Philadelphia, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. Henry W. Biddle, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Col. A. Loudon Snowden.

Col. Morrell stated he purposed giving a dinner on May 27, and Mr. Baer that he purposed giving one on June 3rd.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 27, 1909.—The Club dined with Mr. Morrell at his country place at Torresdale. Members present: Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Hon. William A. Day, Hon. John E. Reyburn, Col. A. Loudon Snowden, Mr. John Thompson Spencer, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Hon. Robert Ralston, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. Charles E. Etting, Mr. John B. Thayer, Jr., Mr. J. Percy Keating, Mr. Edward Roberts, 3d., Mr. James Francis Sullivan, Mr. F. E. Bond, Mr. S. W. Keith, Mr. John W. Geary, Mr. Andrew Gray, Dr. Hobart A. Hare, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. Wm. S. Ellis, Dr. Charles E. Ingersoll.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 3, 1909.—Members of the Club and other guests went to and returned from Reading in special trains from New York and Philadelphia and dined with Mr. Baer at his country place, Bruin's Choice, on the Schuylkill. The river was looking beautiful, and boating and bathing were much enjoyed. Members present: Col. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests Mr. Baker, Mr. Hine, Mr. Ream, Mr. De Forest, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fox, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Muhlenberg, Mr. Smith, Mr. Steel, Gov. Stuart, Judge Brown, Dr. Weir Mitchell, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Hensel, Mr. Appel, Mr. Heister.

Mr. Baer having stated that Mr. MacVeagh had said he might want to give a dinner during the last week in January, the Secretary was requested to tell Mr. MacVeagh that it would give much pleasure to the Club should he do so.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Evening, June 17, 1909.—The Club dined with Mr. MacVeagh at his country place, Brookfield. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. MacVeagh had as guests: Justice Gray, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Hon. William

Potter, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. Richard G. Wood, Mr. Howard Wood.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 7, 1909.—The Club dined with Mr. McCrea at his country place at Ardmore. Members present: Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. McCrea had as guests Mr. E. H. Gary from New York, Mr. E. J. Berwind from New York, Mr. Geo. W. Perkins from New York, Mr. Ralph Peters from New York, Mr. R. N. De Forrest from New York, Mr. E. B. Thomas from New York, Mr. E. M. Shepard from New York, Mr. J. G. Cassatt, Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn, Mr. Samuel Bettle, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. E. B. Morris, Dr. J. Wm. White, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. H. E. Drayton, Mr. Thomas Robins, Mr. E. B. Cassatt.

On account of the illness of Mr. Ellis no arrangements were made for the next dinner.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 31, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Thomas Ridgway, Dr. Caspar Morris, Dr. Le Conte, Dr. Arthur V. Meigs, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. Richard Cadwalader, Mr. James E. Hood, Mr. A. J. D. Dixon, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Mr. George Willing, Mr. H. McK. Ingersoll, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Wm. Rotch Wister, Mr. Charles Biddle.

A request from Col. Morrell that the date for his dinner should be changed from April 21 to either Thursday, April 28, or Saturday, April 30, was considered and it was decided to change the date to Thursday, April 28. Mr. Stotesbury stated he would like to have a dinner on April 14, and Mr. Cuyler stated he would like to have one on June 9. Both dates were approved. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 14, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury, at his house in Philadelphia. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea and the Host.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Mr. J. Kearsly Mitchell, Mr. Horatio G. Lloyd, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. J. G. Cassatt, Mr. Alfred C. Harrison, Mr. Henry W. Biddle, Genl. James H. Wilson, Mr. Andrew Gray, Col. A. Louden Snowden, Mr. H. S. Grove.

Mr. Cameron stated he would prefer July 28 for his dinner instead of July 21, the regular Club day. This was approved. The Minutes of the meetings of June 17, October 7 and March 31 were read and approved, excepting that June 9, the date given in the Minutes as the one in which Mr. Cuyler intended to give a dinner was thought to be an error, and the Secretary was directed to confer with Mr. Cuyler and learn the correct date. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 28, 1910.—The Club dined with Col. Morrell at his country place at Torresdale. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, Mr. Griscom having gone to Europe and it, therefore, being impossible for him to give a dinner on May 19, which would be the regular time for the next dinner, Mr. McCrea stated that he would like to give a dinner on that date. This proposal of Mr. McCrea's was approved. A letter dated April 15, 1910, from Mr. Griscom, was read, in which he expressed a wish to give a dinner on November 10, should Mr. Wilbur, to whom this date had been assigned, not wish to give one. Action on this request was deferred till September, and it was on motion directed to be placed on the table till the September meeting. The Secretary stated that Mr. Cuyler had been away from home ever since the last meeting and had not yet returned, and that it had therefore been impossible for him to learn at what date Mr. Cuyler wished to give his dinner, but that he hoped to learn the date as soon as Mr. Cuyler returned. On motion, it was resolved that the Club would approve of any Thursday in May selected by Mr. Cuyler, excepting May 19, the date fixed for Mr. MacVeagh's dinner.

Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

The guests were received by Mrs. Morrell assisted by Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Joseph Drexel, Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer and Miss Grace Smith.

Col. Morrell's other guests were Archbishop Ryan, The Rev. Father Kavanaugh, Vice-President Sherman, Senator John Kean, Hon. Nicholas Longworth, Justice George Gray, Col. A. Louden Snowden, Mr. John G. Johnson, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Mr. Alexander Van Ransselaer, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. John W. Geary, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. George H. Frazier, Mr. John B. Thayer, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. J. Percy Keating.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 19, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. McCrea at his country place at Ardmore. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as was also that portion of Minutes of March 31st, that stated that Mr. Cuyler intended to give a dinner on June 9, which was left for approval until Mr. Cuyler could be conferred with. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Col. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. McCrea had as guests Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Thos. Dolan, Mr. Rowland Evans, Mr. P. S. Hutchinson, Mr. Vance A. McCormick, Mr. J. A. McCrea, Mr. Roswell Miller, Mr. Paul Morton, Mr. C. S. Patterson, Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, Mr. Samuel L. Shober, Hon. Edwin S. Stuart, Mr. J. B. Thayer, Mr. Daniel Willard, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Theodore W. Cramp, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. Wm. S. Ellis, Mr. Allen Evans, Mr. W. M. Barratt, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Percival Roberts, Jr., Mr. Henry King of Pittsburgh.

Mr. MacVeagh proposed to give a dinner on May 26th, which was approved, and June 16th, the date given on the Club card for Mr. Baer's dinner, was confirmed. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 9, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. Members present, Ex-Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Col. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea and the Host.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests from New York Mr. Francis S. Witherbee, Mr. Edward J. Berwind, Mr. George W. Perkins, Mr. Ralph Peters, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, Mr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Mr. Edward M. Shepard, Mr. Lloyd Griscom, Mr. William M. Barrett, Mr. Charles F. Mathewson. From Chicago, Mr. Edward P. Ripley; from Lebanon, Mr. Dawson Coleman; from Wilmington, Del., Mr. Henry P. Scott; from Philadelphia, Judge Ralston, Rev. Geo. C. Carter, Major Reyburn, Mr. Alex. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Wm. D. Winsor, Mr. A. Louden Snowden, Mr. Thos. Robins, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Thomas Leaming, Mr. W. Wallace Atterbury, Mr. Sidney W. Keith.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 16, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at his country place, Bruin's Choice, near Reading. Members present: Senator Cameron, Mr. Griscom, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as his guests Mr. W. H. Truesdale, Pres. Del. & L. R. R.; Mr. L. F. Loree, Pres. Del. & Hudson R. R.; Mr. Robert de Forest, New York; Mr. Norman B. Ream; Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Philadelphia; Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Philadelphia; Judge Brown, Lancaster; Mr. Wm. A. Appel, Lancaster; Mr. Heber Smith, Reading; Mr. W. D. Smith, Reading; Mr. Isaac Heisler, Reading; Mr. Muhlenberg, Reading; Judge Endlich.

Senator Cameron stated that instead of giving a dinner on July 21st, the regular Club date for the July dinner, he would prefer to give a dinner on Saturday, July 2. This was agreed to.

Mr. Baer was requested to prepare a Minute in regard to the death of Mr. E. P. Wilbur, who died on June 14, and the Secretary was directed to mail a copy of this Minute to the family of Mr. Wilbur.

The following is the Minute prepared by Mr. Baer, a copy of which was mailed by the Secretary to Mr. R. P. Miller, Mr.

Wilbur's secretary, on June 19, with letter requesting Mr. Miller to give this copy to Mr. Wilbur's family.

At a meeting of the Farmers' Club, on June 16th, 1910, Mr. Baer, the Chairman, announced the death of Mr. Wilbur, whereupon it was resolved:

That the Farmers' Club desires to place on its records a Minute of their appreciation of one who for so many years has endeared himself to his fellow members by always maintaining the high standard of an irreproachable gentleman, and of a man with whom it was a delight to associate.

Resolved, that we tender to his family the condolence of the members of the Club.

It was further ordered that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Wilbur's family.

The members of the Club and Mr. Baer's other guests from Philadelphia and New York, were taken by a special train from the Reading Terminal in Philadelphia to and from Reading.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Saturday, July 2, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. Cameron at his son's (Mr. James Cameron's) place, King's Gap, Moors Mill, Cumberland County, Pa. The members of the Club and other guests going and returning to and from Philadelphia (through the courtesy of Mr. Baer) by special train over the Philadelphia and Reading Railway.

Members present, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea and the Host.

Mr. Cameron had as guests Mr. Geo. V. Massey, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Mr. Edward Coleman, Judge J. Hay Brown, Hon. Wm. U. Hensel, Mr. J. M. Cameron, Mr. Wm. H. Truesdale, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Hon. M. E. Olmsted, Mr. Heber Smith, Judge Sadler, Judge Stewart, Mr. Geo. Stewart, Mr. Donald McCormick.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the following letter was read:

MY DEAR MR. FISHER:—

At the request of my mother and on behalf of the family of Mr. E. P. Wilbur, I beg to acknowledge the receipt at your hands

of the Resolution passed by the Farmers' Club. Knowing how highly my father valued his long and happy association with the members of the Farmers' Club, we feel and deeply appreciate their action.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. WILBUR.

South Bethlehem, June 20, 1910.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Afternoon, October 20, 1910.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests, Mr. Clement B. Newbold, Mr. Arthur Newbold, Judge Ralston, Mr. Thomas Dolan, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. William S. Ellis, Dr. De Schweinitz, General Wilson, Mr. Henry B. Thompson.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Griscom had notified him that if the Club approved, he would like to give a dinner on Wednesday, November 23. This was agreed to. On motion of Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Clement B. Newbold was elected a member of the Club to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Wilbur.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and on motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 12, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his house, No. 1618 Locust Street. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, and the Host.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Dr. Mitchell, Captain Grant, Mr. Tower, Judge Carr, Dr. Le Conte, Mr. Groome, Provost Smith, Ex-Governor Pennypacker, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Judge Ralston, Admiral Brownson, Mr. J. Franklin McFadden, Mr. H. W. Harrison.

The following letter was read:

Creswick's House, Jenkintown P. O., Pa.

MY DEAR MR. FISHER:—

Thank you for your kind note, and I cannot tell you with what pleasure I accept my election to the Farmers' Club, and how sensible I am of the honor done me. And thank you so for your kind words of greeting.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) CLEMENT B. NEWBOLD.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 9, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, Mr. Henry S. Grove, Mr. Ellis D. Williams, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. W. Caryl Ely, Mr. J. Horace Harding, Mr. Thomas N. McCarter, Mr. Sidney E. Hutchinson, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. F. D. Underwood, Mr. James A. Farrell, Mr. E. B. Thomas, Mr. W. H. Truesdale, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. H. G. Lloyd.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 23, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at his country place, Crosswick's House. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Newbold had as guests Justice George Gray, General James H. Wilson, Judge Ralston, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. W. Lyman Biddle, Dr. Louis Starr, Mr. Edward Roberts, Mr. John K. Mitchell, Jr., Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. George H. McFadden, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. C. H. Yarnall, Dr. George E. de Schweinitz, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 27, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Dr. Charles D. Hart, Dr. Richard H. Harte, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Robert L. Montgomery, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. Henry McKean Ingersoll, Mr. Emlyn L. Stewardson, Mr. James E. Hood, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. A. J. Dallas Dixon, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Edward Ingersoll.

The following letter, which was not received till after Mr. Newbold's dinner, was read:

MY DEAR MR. FISHER:—

I regret very much that I shall not be able, as I had anticipated, to have the pleasure of being present at Clem Newbold's Farmers' Club house warming, at which I feel sure all of his guests will have a most enjoyable evening.

I am writing to ask you to say to the Club that, much to my regret, it will be impossible for me to give my dinner in April, as I had very much hoped to be able to do.

Please present my kind regards to the President of the Club, to the host, Mr. Newbold, and the other members.

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) EDWARD MORRELL.

Clearwater, Florida, March 19.

The following letter from Mr. Griscom was read:

Dolobran, Haverford, Pa.

DEAR MR. FISHER:—

I have your invitation to join Farmers' Club dinner at the Philadelphia Club on the 27th. I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend. I have had a spell of sickness this winter and the doctors forbid my going out in the evenings to social functions. I make this explanation because I regret not being able to dine with you.

I mention now that Mr. McCrea is going to take my month of May, and I will, if I can, take his month of September. I would not be allowed to give the dinner this spring, but I do not want to lose May.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) C. A. GRISCOM.

Mr. MacVeagh was elected President for 1911.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 11, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. McCrea at his country place at Ardmore. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. McCrea had as guests Justice George Gray, Mr. Harry W. Biddle, Mr. M. C. Kennedy, Mr. Charles E. Pugh, Mr. Thomas Leaming, Mr. Henry P. Scott, Mr. W. U. Hensel, Judge Joseph Buffington, Mr. George Stuart Patterson, Mr. Simon Cameron Long, Mr. John C. Bell, Mr. John B. Thayer, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Mr. Hampton L. Carson, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Archibald M. McCrea, Mr. Richard H. Hawkins, Mr. James McCrea, Jr., Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Mr. Baer on Thursday, June 8.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 8, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at his country place, Bruin's Choice. Members present: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests Mr. T. A. Edison, Mr. Chas. W. Gould, Mr. W. H. Truesdale, Mr. E. B. Thomas, Mr. L. F. Loree, Mr. F. D. Underwood, Mr. Geo. F. Baker, Jr., Mr. W. G. Besler, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Chas. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Judge James T. Mitchell, Mr. Isaac Heister, Mr. Herbert L. Smith, Judge G. A. Endlich, Mr. W. D. Smith, Mr. W. F. Muhlenberg, Mr. W. N. Appel, Judge J. Hay Brown, Mr. Wm. Griscom Coxe, Judge George Gray.

The members of the Club and other guests were taken to and from Reading by special train.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 12, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Justice Gray, Dr. DeSchweinitz, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. Bockius, Mr. F. G. Ellis, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Andrew Gray, Dr. LeConte, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. H. W. Biddle, Mr. W. S. Ellis.

A letter from Mr. Griscom was read. stating that he had exchanged months with Mr. McCrea, and had been prevented by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Howard Wood, from giving, as he had intended, a dinner during Mr. McCrea's month, September, and that he now would be unable to give one until Spring, when he would like his usual month, May, assigned to him. It was unanimously agreed that this assignment should be made.

Mr. Cuyler requested permission to give a dinner in November on the 9th, instead of the 2nd, the day which had been fixed upon for his dinner. Consent to this change was unanimously given.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 9, 1911.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Hon. Robert Ralston, Mr. John B. Thayer, Mr. Geo. V. Massey, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Caspar Wistar Morris, Mr. Robert L. Montgomery, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Mr. Edward B. Smith—From New York: Mr. Edward J. Berwind, Mr. Walker D. Hines, Mr. Elbert

H. Gary, Mr. E. B. Thomas, Hon. Henry Galbrath Ward, Mr. Wm. M. Barrett, Mr. Thos. W. Lamont, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Francis I. Hines, Mr. Ralph Peters, Hon. W. A. Day, Mr. Paul Cravath, Mr. Chas. Steele, Mr. Chas. D. Norton, Mr. Ralph Peters.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 25, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his house in Philadelphia. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Owen Wister, Hon. Martin A. Knapp, Mr. Walter A. Wood, Jr., Mr. George W. Norris, Mr. J. Willis Martin, Mr. Horatio G. Lloyd, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. Vance McCormick, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. William A. Glasgow, Jr.

In the absence of Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Ellis acted as President and occupied the chair. Mr. Morrell was unanimously elected President for the year of 1912.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 29, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at his Philadelphia residence, 1925 Walnut Street, and had the pleasure of being received by Mrs. Stotesbury. The date as stated on the Club card, March 28th, for the next dinner to be given by Mr. Fisher, was approved. In the absence of the President, Col. Morrell, Mr. Ellis occupied the chair. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Mr. John W. Pepper, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Mr. E. B. Morris, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Jay Cooke, 3d, Mr. Sidney E. Hutchinson, Hon. Rudolph Blankenburg, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Wm. A. Day of New York, Judge Wm. H. Moore of New York, Mr. Charles D. Norton of New York, Mr. Wm. H. Porter of New York, Mr. B. Strong, Jr., of New York, Mr. Jas. J. Hemphill of Washington, Mr. Wm. T. Eldridge of New York, Mr. Walter B. Brooks (Stevenson, Md.)

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

March 28, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Justice Gray, Mr. Geo. W. Norris, Judge Carr, Mr. George McCall, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Geo. S. Robbins of New York, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. Andrew Gray, Dr. Caspar Morris, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Charles S. W. Packard, Mr. Henry B. Coxe, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Mr. Sidney E. Hutchinson, Mr. James E. Hood.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and owing to a joint request having been made by Col. Morrell and Mr. Newbold, it was arranged that the latter should give the next dinner on April 25th, the date which had been assigned to the former.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

April 25, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at Crosswick's House. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Members present: Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Newbold had as guests Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Edward D. Toland, Mr. H. G. Lloyd, Mr. E. Walter Clark, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Chas. S. W. Packard, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Geo. Harrison Fisher, Mr. John W. Pepper, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Dr. Robert G. LeConte, Mr. Andrew Gray.

Mr. Cuyler stated that Mr. Griscom had asked him to say that he would be unable to give a dinner in May. Mr. McCrea expressed a wish to give a dinner in May should Mr. Griscom be unable to do so, it was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Mr. McCrea on May 23d.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 23, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. McCrea at his country place, Ballyheather, Ardmore. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. McCrea had as guests Mr. Effingham B. Morris, Justice George Gray, Mr. Joseph Wood, Mr. J. J. Turner, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Mr. Edward B. Cassatt, Mr. Allen H. Strong, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Samuel S. Dennis, Mr. Rodman E. Griscom, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Theodore N. Ely, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Sidney E. Hutchinson, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. George D. Dixon, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Mr. Wm. S. Ellis, Mr. James A. McCrea, Mr. Victor C. Mather, Mr. George H. McFadden.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was arranged that Mr. Baer should give a dinner June 27th.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 27, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at his country place, Bruin's Choice. Members present: Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler and the Host.

Mr. Baer had as guests Judge J. Hay Brown, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. William N. Appel, Mr. George H. McFadden, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Isaac Heister, Mr. Heber L. Smith, Mr. William Griscom Coxe, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and it was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Senator Cameron on September 19.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 17, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Genl. Wilson, Mr. H. W. Biddle, Mr. Rea, Mr. Tatnall, Mr. Bockius, Mr. F. G. Ellis, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. Ingersoll, Dr. de Schweinitz, Dr. Le Conte, Mr. Berwind of New York, Mr. Strong of New York, Mr. Dunne of New York.

A letter from Mr. Cuyler requesting that he should be allowed to give his dinner in November on the fourth week instead of the twenty-first, the regular and appointed day, was read. The request was granted. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

December 19, 1912.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at his town house, 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Weir, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Mr. Underwood of New York, Mr. Duane of New York, Mr. Smith of New York, Mr. Claflin of New York, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Geo. H. McFadden, Mr. Sidney E. Hutchinson, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Charles E. Mather.

The Chairman, Col. Morrell, announced the death of Mr. Griscom, and was instructed to prepare a suitable Minute. It was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Mr. Harrison on January 16, 1913. Mr. Effingham B. Morris was unanimously elected to fill vacancy caused by Mr. Griscom's death. May, Mr. Griscom's month, was assigned to Mr. McCrea, September to Mr. Newbold and August to Mr. Morris. Mr. Cuyler acted as secretary.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 16, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his town house, 1618 Locust Street. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold and the Host.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. H. W. Harrison, Mr. G. H. McFadden, Capt. Cassatt, Justice Stuart, Mr. R. L. Montgomery, Mr. Huntington Wilson.

Mr. Harrison was elected President for the year 1913.

It was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Mr. Cuyler on February 13.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 13, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Col. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Morris, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury and the Host.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests Mr. C. W. Morris, Mr. Theodore W. Cramp, Mr. John H. Mason, Mr. Robert L. Montgomery, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Judge Robert Ralston, Mr. Edward F. Beale, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Joseph C. Fraley, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. George H. Frazier, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Judge Willis Martin, Genl. James Wilson of Wilmington, Del., Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Mr. Edward B. Smith, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Allen Evans, Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Judge W. Wilkins Carr, Genl. Basil Duke of Kentucky, Hon. William A. Day of New York, Mr. Frank S. Witherbee of New York, Mr. Daniel E. Pomeroy of New York, Mr. William M. Barrett of New York, Mr. Edward J. Berwind of New York, Mr. E. B. Thomas of New York, Mr. Charles D. Norton of New York, Mr. Charles K. Beekman of New York, Mr. Walker D. Hines of New York, Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff of New York, Judge Morgan J. O'Brien of New York, Mr. Porter Norton, Buffalo.

It was arranged that the next dinner should be given by Mr. Fisher on March 27, and the Club card as printed for the year 1913, was approved. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following statement of resolution was adopted:

At a regular meeting of the Farmers' Club, held at the residence of Mr. E. T. Stotesbury, on Thursday, December 19, 1912, announcement was made by the President of the Club of the death of Mr. Clement A. Griscom, the third senior member of the Club.

At a subsequent meeting of the Club the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved that the members of the Farmers' Club have heard with profound sorrow of the death of their fellow member, Mr. Clement A. Griscom. Mr. Griscom brought to the Club, as he did in every relation in life, his wonderful personality and his lovable characteristics, and that in his death the members of the Club have sustained an irreparable loss. Be it further re-

solved that this resolution be inscribed upon the Minutes, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Griscom with the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Club."

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 27, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Morris at his country place Ty'n-y-Coed. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold and the Host. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. Morris had as guests Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Mr. Percival Roberts, Jr., Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. William D. Winsor, Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn, Judge Robert Ralston, Mr. William T. Elliott, Mr. George Clymer Brooke.

A note from Col. Morrell was read, asking for the May meeting in lieu of the April meeting and Mr. Newbold expressed a desire for the April meeting. The request was granted as to the April meeting and it was assigned to Mr. Newbold. No action was taken as to May, owing to Mr. McCrea's extreme illness. Mr. Baer acted as Chairman of the meeting and Mr. Cuyler as Secretary.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 17, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at his country place, Crosswicks House. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris and the Host.

Mr. Newbold had as guests Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Bockius, Mr. S. P. Hutchinson, Mr. John W. Pepper, Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Dr. R. G. Le Conte, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. Sidney Keith, Mr. John S. Newbold, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. George H. Frazier.

The request of Col. Morrell, on which no action was taken at the March meeting, owing to the extreme illness of Mr. McCrea, was acted upon and granted and the next dinner on May 15, was assigned to him. Colonel Morrell also requested that the month of May should be assigned as his regular month, instead of April, his present one, which was done. Mr. Baer was requested to prepare a suitable Minute in regard to the death of Mr. McCrea.

The following letter from Mrs. Griscom was read and directed to be placed on the Minutes:

Dolobran, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

MY DEAR MR. FISHER:—

On behalf of myself and my family, I wish to thank the members of the Farmers' Club for their most touching and gratifying tribute to the character of Mr. Griscom.

Thanking you also for your personal expression of sympathy in our irreparable loss, I remain.

Yours most sincerely,

FRANCES C. B. GRISCOM.

March 30, 1913.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 15, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Morrell at the Philadelphia Country Club. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Hon. C. Y. Audenreid, Mr. Charles Biddle, Hon. John Cadwalader, Mr. Benjamin Chew, Mr. Geo. Dallas Dixon, Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Mr. Andrew Gray, Hon. Wm. U. Hensel, Mr. John G. Johnson, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Dr. R. C. Le Conte, Dr. Edward Martin, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Frank P. Prichard, Dr. Alfred Stengel.

At the request of Mr. Newbold, April was assigned to him as his regular month; and at the request of Mr. Morris, September was assigned to him as his regular month.

On motion, it was agreed that the Club should take into consideration at its next meeting the creation of an honorary roll. At the suggestion of the Host, a standing toast was drunk to the memory of Mr. McCrea. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 12, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Baer at Bruin's Choice, Reading. Members present: Senator J. Donald Cameron, Mr. Rudolph Ellis, Mr. Edward T. Stotesbury, Mr. Clement B. Newbold, Mr. Effingham B. Morris, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Baer had as guests Governor Tener, General James H. Wilson, Mr. Samuel Dickson, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Judge G. A. Endlich, Dr. W. F. Muhlenberg, Judge J. Hay Brown, Hon. W. U. Hensel, Mr. William N. Appel, Mr. Isaac Heister, Mr. Heber L. Smith, Mr. Wm. Griscom Coxe, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Robert W. deForrest, Mr. George F. Baker, Sr., Judge Henry Galbrath Ward.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary was directed to forward to Mrs. McCrea and enter as part of the Minutes of this meeting the following record prepared by Mr. Baer:

"Mr. James McCrea was one of the most competent men of this age. His great capacity, indomitable energy and sound judgment made him an ideal railroad president. His charming personality endeared him to his friends. In every relation of life he displayed the high integrity of the true gentleman. The Farmers' Club will ever hold him in grateful remembrance."

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

On Thursday, October 9, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Senator Cameron, Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris and the Host.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Justice George Gray, Genl. J. H. Wilson, Dr. George de Schweinitz, Mr. P. A. B. Widener, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Samuel Rea, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. M. R. Bockius, Mr. F. G. Ellis.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 6, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea and the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests from Philadelphia: Captain E. B. Cassatt, Mr. Richard L. Cadwalader, Mr. John Cadwalader, Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, Mr. Horatio G. Lloyd, Mr. Casper Wistar Morris, Mr. John H. Mason, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. C.

S. W. Packard, Mr. Thomas Robins, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. P. A. B. Widener. From Wilmington, Del., Justice George Gray, General James H. Wilson. From New York, Mr. Edward J. Berwind, Mr. W. A. Day, Mr. Walter D. Hines, Mr. Otto Kahn, Mr. John G. Millburn, Mr. Charles D. Norton, Mr. Eugene H. Outerbridge, Mr. Henry Rogers Winthrop. From Boston, Mr. Howard Elliott. From Princeton, Mr. M. Taylor Pyne. From London, Sir George Paisl.

The Minutes of the two previous meetings at Mr. Baer's and Mr. Ellis's were approved. Mr. Fisher was given permission to have a dinner on December 11, Mr. MacVeagh's date, should Mr. MacVeagh not wish to give one. Mr. Samuel Rea was elected a member of the Club unanimously.

The following letter was directed to be placed on the Minutes:

Ballywheater, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

MY DEAR MR. FISHER:—

I want to thank you for your very kind letter of sympathy, and the Farmers' Club through you for their beautiful and sympathetic Minute sent to me upon the death of Mr. McCrea.

Very sincerely,

ADA M. McCREA.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,

Secretary.

Thursday, December 11, 1913.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Justice Gray, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. E. B. Smith, Mr. H. McK. Ingersoll, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Geo. S. Robbins, Mr. Andrew Grey, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Dr. Richard H. Harte, Dr. Casper Morris, Dr. Henry R. Wharton, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Richard M. Cadwalader, Mr. Charles E. Ingersoll, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Mr. James E. Hood.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. MacVeagh asking if he wished to give a dinner on December 11, and that Mr. MacVeagh had answered as follows:

1718 Massachusetts Ave.,
November 14, 1913.

DEAR MR. FISHER:—

You are very welcome to my date, as I feel sure I will be unable to fill it, glad as I would be to do so.

Sincerely yours,
WAYNE MACVEAGH.

To JAMES LOGAN FISHER.

Dinners for 1914 were assigned as follows: Mr. Harrison, January 8; Mr. Stotesbury, February 5; Mr. Morris, March 5; Mr. Newbold, April 9; Mr. Morrell, May 7; Mr. Baer, June 4; Mr. Cameron, July 2; Mr. MacVeagh, August 6; Mr. Rea, September 3; Mr. Ellis, October 1; Mr. Cuyler, November 5; Mr. Fisher, December 3.

The following letter was read:

Broad Street Station, Philadelphia,
November 25, 1913.

DEAR MR. FISHER:—

I am just in receipt of your letter of yesterday informing me of my election to membership in the Farmers' Club. This is very gratifying and it gives me much pleasure to accept.

Sincerely,
SAMUEL REA.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 5, 1914.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at his town house, 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Mr. Thos. W. Lamont of New York, Mr. J. R. Morton of New York, Mr. Wm. H. Moore of New York, Mr. Geo. F. Brownell of New York, Mr. Benjamin Strong, Jr., of New York, Mr. A. H. Smith of New York, Mr. Daniel Willard of Baltimore, Mr. Geo. W. Stevens of Richmond, Hon. George Gray of Wilmington, Mr. Thos. E. Mitten of Philadelphia, Mr. H. G. Lloyd of Philadelphia, Mr. S. E. Hutchinson of Philadelphia, Mr. Moorhead C. Kennedy of Chambersburg.

Mr. Baer was elected President for 1914. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Morris requested that he should be allowed to let Mr. Rea use his date, March 5, and give the next dinner, as March 5th would suit Mr. Rea better than September 3d, the date assigned to him by the Club. The request was granted.

The Secretary stated that the following letter had been received from Mr. MacVeagh in response to notice of his having been assigned August instead of his usual month, December.

1719 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.,
January 8, 1914.

DEAR MR. FISHER:—

Many thanks for your kind letter and the enclosed card, in respect to which I can only say that I think you have done admirably in your reassignments, and my own change is a positive relief to me.

Sincerely yours,
WAYNE MACVEAGH.

The following letter was also read:

1618 Locust Street,
January 5, 1914.

DEAR MR. FISHER:—

I very much regret to say that on account of the death of Dr. Mitchell, I shall not be able to entertain the members of the Farmers' Club and our guests upon the evening of Thursday, January 8th.

Very sincerely yours,
CHAS C. HARRISON.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Evening, March 5, 1914.—The Club dined with Mr. Rea at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Rea had as guests Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. G. D. Dixon, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. W. H. Myers, Mr. L. E. Johnson, Mr. Thomas T. Woodlock, Mr. W. P. Hamilton,

Mr. G. V. Massey, Mr. Henry P. Scott, Judge George Gray, Genl. James H. Wilson, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. E. J. Berwind, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. A. J. County, Mr. Allen Evans.

The last meeting's Minutes were read and approved.

Mr. Newbold stated that he wished to request the Club to allow his dinner to be given April 16th instead of April 9th, as April 9th would be the Thursday before Easter. The request was granted.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 16, 1914.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at his country place, Crosswicks House. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Baer, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea and the Host.

Mr. Newbold had as guests Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. S. W. Keith, Mr. R. C. Drayton, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. John S. Newbold, Mr. Beauveau Bowie, Jr., Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, Mr. R. K. Cassatt, Dr. C. B. Penrose, Mr. Percy R. Pyne 2d, Mr. Buell Hollister, Mr. C. H. Krumbhaar, Jr.

The President, Mr. Baer, occupied the chair and Mr. Newbold acted as Secretary. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary was requested to inquire of Mr. Morrell whether he would be well enough to have his dinner in May, and if not to see whether perhaps some other member might take it. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Wednesday Morning, May 6, 1914.—A special meeting of the Club to take action upon the death of Mr. George F. Baer, was held at the Girard Trust Company in Mr. Morris' office. Members present: Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea and the Secretary.

The following letter which had been received by Mr. Morris was read:

1719 Massachusettes Ave., Washington, D. C.,
May 5, 1914.

DEAR MR. MORRIS:—

As it is too late for a note to reach Mr. Fisher, please thank him for sending me notice of your meeting to-morrow, and also express for me to those present my great regret that I am not able to meet with them. Mr. Baer and I were warm friends before either of us had heard of the Farmers' Club, or ever imagined we might be honored by belonging to it. Sincerely yours,

To Effingham B. Morris, Esq. WAYNE MACVEAGH.

On motion the following Minute was unanimously adopted and the Secretary was requested to send a copy of it to Mr. Baer's family:

IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound regret that the Farmers' Club records the death of a distinguished member, George F. Baer, who died on April 26, 1914, after a brief illness.

Mr. Baer became a member of the Club on June 27, 1901, and during his term of membership took an active and unfailing interest in the affairs of the Club.

He was a regular attendant at the monthly dinners, and annually entertained its members at his country place, Bruin's Choice, near Reading, where his cordial hospitality will long be remembered.

In his private and social life his genial and lovable qualities endeared him to all whose privilege it was to know him well and during his brilliant rise to wealth and power, his simple democratic nature remained unchanged and he kept in close touch and sympathy with the friends and associates of his early days. Among those were the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic whose bugle-call taps over their comrade's grave was the last service performed in his honor.

The extraordinary success which has resulted from his building up and controlling the great properties of which he was the head, is the best testimonial which can be offered to his remarkable ability and enduring devotion to duty. He died in the fulness of his powers, respected and beloved by the community in which he lived and regretted by a host of friends to whom his death is an irreparable loss.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 1, 1914.—The Club dined with Mr. Ellis at his country place, Fox Hill. Members present: Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Ellis had as guests Judge Gray, General Wilson, General Andrews, Mr. Bodine, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Morgan, Mr. F. G. Ellis, Mr. W. S. Ellis, Mr. Bockius, Mr. R. L. Montgomery.

The Minutes of the meetings of April 16th and May 6th were read and approved. A request from Mr. Harrison that he should be assigned the month of June instead of January, was granted.

Mr. Cuyler stated that he expected to give a dinner on November 5th.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 5, 1914.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Rea, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests Senator Murray Crane, Mass.; Hon. Morefield Storey, Boston; Hon. George Gray, Wilmington, Del.; Genl. James H. Wilson, Wilmington, Del.; Dr. Arthur T. Hadley, New Haven, Conn.; Judge Henry Galbraith Ward, New York; Mr. Howard Elliott, Boston; Judge Morgan J. O'Brien, New York; Mr. F. D. Underwood, New York; Mr. Edward J. Berwind, New York; Mr. Charles D. Norton, New York; Judge Wm. A. Day, New York; Mr. Henry P. Davison, New York; Mr. L. F. Johnson, Roanoke, Va.; Mr. Moorhead G. Kennedy, Chambersburg, Pa.; and Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. George W. Pepper, Judge J. W. Martin, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. N. E. Newbold, Mr. John Cadwalader, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, Judge Robert Ralston, all of Philadelphia.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoll was unanimously elected as a member of the Club to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Baer.

Mr. Fisher stated that he expected to give a dinner on Decem-ber 3rd.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 3, 1914.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. New-bold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Mr. Bodine, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. Henry McKean Ingersoll, Mr. Edward Ingersoll.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following assignment of dinners for 1915 was adopted, the dates being Thursdays before full moon, as required by the Club:

Mr. Rea, January 28; Mr. Stotesbury, February 25; Mr. Morris, March 25; Mr. Newbold, April 22; Mr. Morrell, May 27; Mr. Harrison, June 24; Mr. Cameron, July 22; Mr. MacVeagh, August 19; Mr. Ingersoll, September 16; Mr. Ellis, October 21; Mr. Cuy-er, November 18; Mr. Fisher, December 16.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 28, 1915.—The Club dined with Mr. Rea at his country place, Waverly Heights. Members present: Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Rea had as guests Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. George V. Massey, Mr. J. J. Turner, Genl. James H. Wilson, Hon. George Gray, Mr. Percival Roberts, Jr., Mr. Alba B. John-son, Mr. A. J. County, Mr. Ivy L. Lee.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. At the request of Mr. Stotesbury, the date for his dinner was changed from March 25th to April 1st. Mr. Cuyler was elected President for the present year, 1915.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Roberts, Jr., Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Geo. S. Patterson, Mr. Harry Ingersoll.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The giving of the next dinner, on April 22d, by Mr. Newbold, met with unanimous approval.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 22, 1915.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at 8 o'clock at the Ritz-Carlton. Members present: Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll and the Host.

Mr. Newbold had as guests Senator Penrose, Judge Gray, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Hon Louis A. Watres of Scranton, Genl. Wilson, Judge Martin, Judge Ralston, Hon. Wm. C. Sproul, Mr. James Patton, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. S. T. Bodine, Mr. C. H. Kuhn, Mr. Joseph E. Widener, Mr. Geo. Dallas Dixon, Dr. Chas. B. Penrose, Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Dr. de Schweinitz, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. L. L. Rue, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. S. P. Hutchinson, Mr. Jas. Crosby Brown, Mr. Jno. Hampton Barnes, Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Dr. J. K. Mitchell, Mr. John S. Newbold, Mr. George McFadden, Mr. A. A. Jackson, Mr. J. Henry Williams, Mr. Sidney W. Keith.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved—Mr. Newbold acted as Secretary. A message was received from Mr. Morrell that he intended giving a dinner on the stated date, May 27th. Mr. Cuyler asked to be allowed to give a luncheon to the Club at a date to be fixed by him later. This was approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 27, 1915.—The Club dined with Mr. Morrell at his country place, San Jose, Torresdale. Members present: Mr. Newbold, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Lieut. Governor McClean, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. John G. Johnson, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Geo. K. Johnson, Mr. Edwin Walter Clark, Mr. Wm. S. Ellis, Mr. John C. Bell, Mr. Samuel L. Shober, Mr. Geo. D. Dixon, Mr. John T. Spencer, Mr. W. W. Atterbury.

Thursday Afternoon, June 24, 1915.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at Happy Creek Farms. Members present: Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Mr. Alba B. Johnson, Mr. John Bassett Moore, Mr. Geo. L. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Mr. Geo. W. Norris, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. John Kearsley Mitchell, 3d, Mr. Stevens Hecksher, Mr. Chas. C. Harrison, Jr., Judge Isaac Johnson, Mr. Arthur W. Sewall, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Hon. P. C. Knox, Mr. Theo. Voorhees, Mr. Jno. Hampton Barnes, Mr. Harry Walter Harrison, Mr. Albert A. Jackson, Judge Chas. Y. Audenreid, Justice Mestrezat, Mr. Chas. Jas. Rhoads, Mr. Randal Morgan, Bishop Rhinelander, Rev. Dr. Steele, Mr. Edward K. Rowland, Mr. C. S. W. Packard.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 11, 1915.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Members present: Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Ingersoll, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Edward F. Beale, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. Charles Biddle, Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Bayard Henry, Dr. Robt. C. Le Conte, Mr. H. G. Lloyd, Mr. Casper Wister Morris, Dr. John H. MacCracken, Mr. George H. McFadden, Mr. M. Tayler Pine, Hon. Robert Ralston, Mr. Morefield Storey, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Robert L. Montgomery, Hon. W. W. Carr, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. E. W. Clark, Mr. Robert C. Drayton, Mr. Allen Evans, Hon. George Gray, Mr. S. P. Hutchinson, Mr. S. W. Keith, Mr. S. C. Long, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Mr. Randall Morgan, Dr. Alexander McColl, Hon. Vance McCormick, Mr. Porter Morton, Mr. George Wharton Pepper, Mr. Percival Roberts, Jr., Mr. Edward B. Smith, Hon. Wm. C. Sproul, Genl. James H. Wilson, Mr. L. E. Johnson. New York guests: Mr. Wm. M. Barre, Commander Fred. Albert Beurne, Hon. W. A. Day, Mr. Robert DeForest, Mr. Howard Elliott, Mr. Henry C. Frick, Mr. Walter D. Hines, Mr. Bradish Johnson, Mr. George C. Mason, Mr. Eugene H. Outerbridge,

Hon. Morgan O'Brien, Mr. Ralph Peters, Mr. Theo. P. Shonts, Mr. Alfred H. Smith, Gov. Wm. F. Sheehan, Mr. Geo. C. Van Tuyl, Jr., Mr. Geo. W. Wickersham, Charles H. Zehnader.

The Secretary stated that he had received two requests to be brought before the meeting. One from Mr. Cuyler, that October should be assigned as his regular month for giving a dinner, and one from Mr. Newbold that November should be assigned to him for 1916, with the understanding that thereafter April would be assigned to him, as usual. The President and Secretary were requested to arrange a time for a business meeting in the afternoon, and to notify all members.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Afternoon, December 2, 1915.—At 3:30 o'clock a business meeting of the Club was held at Mr. Cuyler's office in Philadelphia. Present: Messrs. Harrison, Cuyler, Newbold, and the Secretary. Mr. Cuyler nominated Mr. Charles Biddle, of Andalusia, to fill the vacancy in the Club, caused by the death of Mr. Rudolph Ellis. Mr. Cuyler in making the nomination stated Messrs. Morrell, Stotesbury, Morris and Ingersoll were in favor of Mr. Biddle's election. Mr. Biddle was unanimously elected. Mr. Cuyler asked permission to reconsider the request made by him at the November 11, 1915, meeting, that October instead of November should be assigned him as his regular month for giving a dinner, as he would prefer his usual month, November. The permission was granted and November assigned to him; Mr. Newbold also having stated that he wished the action of the November 11 meeting granting his request, to be allowed to give his 1916 in November, be reconsidered and that October should be substituted for November. The substitution was granted. Messrs. Cameron and MacVeagh, it was unanimously decided, should be asked by the President to become honorary members and thereby, as in the case of Judge Biddle, while occupying a similar position, be relieved of the obligation of giving dinners while always being included among the invited members at all Club dinners.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 16, 1915.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Judge Gray, Dr. Robert G. Le Conte, Dr. Richard H. Harte, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Edward B. Smith, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Mr. Francis A. Lewis.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following Minutes in regard to the death of Mr. Rudolph Ellis, was adopted:

"Rudolph Ellis died on the 21st day of September, 1915. Elected a member of the Farmers' Club in 1892, he thus for nearly a quarter of a century was active in its life and the warm personal friend of all the members of the Club. It is not too much to say that Mr. Ellis in a large mesaure was the Farmers' Club, watching its interest with the greatest care and always zealous in the promotion of its welfare. In many walks of life, tribute has been paid to Mr. Ellis's commanding position in the community, and his ability as a man of affairs and the official head of one great institution and a director in many others. The members of the Farmers' Club, however, prefer to look upon him from the aspect of personal friendship and to bear tribute to his worth as a man and a friend. Always considerate of his fellow members, his onedesire at the meetings of the Club was the promotion of good fellowship.

"The Farmers' Club records with great regret the loss of so close a personal friend and extends to his family its warmest sympathy and condolence."

Messrs. Cameron and MacVeagh were made honorary members of the Club with the understanding that while this action would relieve them from the obligation of entertaining the Club, it would in no way interfere with their membership rights and their being included in invitations to all Club meetings. Former Justice George Gray and Senator Philander C. Knox were nominated to fill the vacancies caused by the transfer of Messrs. Cameron and MacVeagh to the Honorary roll.

The following schedule for 1916 meetings was approved, the dates being those of Thursdays before full moon, in compliance with rule of the Club:

Mr. Rea, January 13; Mr. Stotesbury, February 17; Mr. Morris, March 16; unassigned, April 13; Mr. Morrell, May 11th; Mr.

Harrison, June 8th; Mr. Biddle, July 13th; unassigned, August 10th; Mr. Ingersoll, September 7th; Mr. Newbold, October 5th; Mr. Cuyler, November 2nd; Mr. Fisher, December 7th.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 13, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Rea at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Rea had as guests Genl. James H. Wilson, Mr. Daniel Willard, Mr. Geo. V. Massey, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. J. J. Turner, Mr. Levi L. Rue, Mr. A. T. Dice, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. W. H. Donner, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Dr. Benjamin A. Thomas, Mr. C. C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. A. J. County. Ex-Justice Geo. Gray and Senator Knox were unanimously elected members of the Club.

The following letter was reported as received by the Secretary.

Fox Hill Farm, January 4, 1915.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER, ESQ.,
SECRETARY OF THE FARMERS' CLUB.

DEAR MR. FISHER:—

For my mother, as well as for myself, I beg to thank you for your kind letter with which you enclosed a Minute of the Farmers' Club relating to my father.

Be good enough to explain to the members of the Club our appreciation of their action.

Sincerely yours,
W. S. ELLIS.

Mr. Edward T. Stotesbury was unanimously elected President of the Club for 1916.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 17, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury, at his town house, 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Judge Gray, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. A. T. Dice, Mr. R. V. Lindebery, Mr. Daniel Willard, Mr. F. I. Gowen, Mr. H. G. Lloyd, Mr. Wm. H. Donner, Mr. Jay Cooke, Mr. S. M. Vauclain, Mr. O. H. Kahn, Mr. Randal Morgan, Judge W. H. Moore, Mr. W. P. Gest, Mr. Levi L. Rue, Mr. F. D. Underwood, Mr. W. J. Richards, Mr. A. C. Dickey, Mr. G. C. Purves, Mr. Wm. B. Garrett, Mr. B. D. Caldwell, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. E. V. Babcock, Mr. Ralph Peters, Mr. J. L. Repelogle, Mr. G. C. Taylor, Mr. T. S. Gates, Mr. C. E. Mather, Dr. Jos. Leidy, Mr. W. Brooks, Jr., Mr. S. L. Shober, Mr. W. Hinckle Smith.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary stated that Mr. Morris could not use his date, March 16th, for a dinner, owing to death in his family, and it was arranged that Judge Gray should use it. The Secretary also stated that in examining the Minutes, he found Messrs. Stotesbury and Cuyler were elected members of the Club at same time; but as Mr. Stotesbury's name was mentioned first, the Club card heretofore had been incorrect in placing Mr. Cuyler's name before it. Permission was given to place them correctly on cards for 1916.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 16, 1916.—The Club dined with Judge Gray at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Morrell, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, the Host and the Secretary.

Judge Gray had as guests Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. J. B. Moore, Genl. J. H. Wilson, Mr. W. A. Glasgow, Jr., Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. W. L. Biddle, Mr. C. S. Patterson, Mr. Henry P. Scott, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Sidney Keith, Mr. Andrew Gray, Judge Joseph Buffington, Mr. Geo. C. Massey, Mr. Andrew C. Gray.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday Afternoon, May 18, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Morrell, at his country place, San Jose. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold,

Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Morrell had as guests Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Judge C. Y. Audenreid, Mr. John Cadwalader, Dr. G. E. de Schweinitz, Mr. W. S. Ellis, Mr. S. P. Hutchinson, Mr. John G. Johnson, Dr. Edwin Martin, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. J. W. Ridgley, Mr. John Thompson Spencer, Genl. James H. Wilson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A telegram from Mr. Morrell of April 15th from Rock Castle, Va., to the Secretary was read in which Mr. Morrell expressed regret that inability to have his dinner on assigned date, May 11th, would compel him to have it a week later, on May 18th.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 8, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his country place, Happy Creek Farms. Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Knox, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Harrison had as guests Mr. Geo. L. Harrison, Jr., Rear Admiral Benson, Mr. C. C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Chas. J. Rhoads, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. Thos. S. Gates, Mr. Harry W. Harrison, Hon. W. A. Day, Mr. Ralph Peters, Mr. Owen Wister, Mr. Wm. N. Duane, Mr. Emory McMichael, Dr. Chas. B. Penrose, Genl. Jas. H. Wilson, Hon. Henry Pratler Fletcher, Mr. John S. Newbold, Dr. G. Woodward, Mr. T. P. Chandler, Jr., Mr. Adolph C. Rosengarten, Captain Roger Welles.

A letter from Mr. Newbold, of June 7th, to Secretary was read in which he requested permission to have his dinner Thursday, October 19th, instead of assigned date, Thursday, October 5th. The request was granted. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 13, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Biddle at his country place, Andalusia, where the Club had many pleasant remembrances of previous dinners during the membership of his uncle, Judge Craig Biddle. Members present: Mr. Har-

rison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Morris, Mr. Knox, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Biddle had as guests Mr. J. Rodman Paul, Mr. Bayard Henry, Judge J. Willis Martin, Mr. J. C. Fraley, Mr. Edward Biddle, Mr. W. Cabell Bruce, Mr. J. Hampton Barnes, Judge Audenreid, Mr. Samuel H. Thomas, Mr. T. E. Mitten, Col. J. Biddle, Dr. Gibbon, Mr. Charles J. Biddle.

The view from piazza of lawn and river was much enjoyed. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, August 24, 1916.—The Club dined with Senator Knox at his country place at Valley Forge. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and at Mr. Ingersoll's request the date for his dinner was changed from September 7th to September 21st. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Knox had as guests Mr. H. C. McEldowney, Pittsburg, Mr. C. H. Rook, Mr. Beale, Dr. Chas. Penrose, Mr. J. R. Tindale, Mr. Chas Harrison, Jr., Mr. Reed Knox, Mr. Hugh Knox.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 21.—The Club dined with Mr. Ingersoll at his country place, Forest Hill. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Knox, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Ingersoll had as guests Mr. Joseph B. McCall, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. John T. Windrim, Mr. Francis T. Chambers, Mr. Alex Van Ransselaer, Mr. Henry C. Boyer, Mr. Edward B. Smith, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Judge Chas F. Gummey, Mr. Edward Ingersoll, Mr. R. Sturgis Ingersoll.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Newbold purposed giving a dinner on October 19.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 2, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at the Huntington Valley Club. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Newbold had as guests Dr. Richard H. Harte, Mr. George H. Frazier, Mr. C. H. Krumbhaar, Jr., Mr. George Dallas Dixon, Mr. George McFadden, Mr. Jay Cooke, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. John S. Newbold, Mr. Robert K. Cassatt, Mr. Wilson Catherwood, Mr. John White Geary.

Mr. Rea alluded to his wish to have October assigned to him for his 1917 month, and Mr. Stotesbury spoke of possibly wanting January instead of February, his customary month. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 23, 1916.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at his country place, Edgewood. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests from Philadelphia Mr. Atterbury, Mr. B. Gorden Bromley, Mr. Edward F. Beale, Mr. John Hampton Barnes, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. George D. Dixon, Mr. Allen Evans, Mr. Jos. C. Fraley, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. J. Percy Keating, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Mr. Charles E. Mather, Mr. Geo. H. McFadden, Mr. Edward B. Smith, Rev. M. Alex. McColl, Mr. J. R. MacAllister, Mr. John H. Mason, Mr. Casper Wistar Morris, Mr. Geo. V. Massey, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Senator Penrose, Right Rev. P. H. Rhinelander, Mr. Thomas Robins, Mr. Geo. H. Frazier, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. Alex Van Rensselaer.

New York guests, brought and returned by special train, were, Mr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Geo. F. Baker, Mr. Edward J. Berwind, Mr. Newcomb Carlton, Hon. W. A. Day, Mr. A. D. Juilliard, Mr. Charles D. Norton, Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien, Mr. Eugene Outerbridge, Mr. Ralph Peters, Mr. W. H. Truesdale, Mr. F. D. Underwood, Mr. Albert H. Wiggin.

Other guests: Mr. Howard Elliott, Boston; Hon. Murray Crane, Dalton, Mass.; Mr. L. E. Johnson, Roanoke, Va.; Mr. M. F. Ken-

nedy, Chambersburg, Pa.; Mr. J. J. Turner, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. M. T. Pyne, Princeton, N. J.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Fisher was excused from giving December dinner.

Mr. Stotesbury stated that he expected to give a dinner on schedule date, January 4, 1917. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary,

Thursday, January 4, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at his town house, 1925 Walnut Street. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Senator Knox and the Host.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests from Philadelphia Mr. C. H. Ewing, Mr. Thos. S. Gates, Mr. Thos. E. Mitten, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Geo. Dallas Dixon, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. John Gribbel, Mr. Sidney E. Hutchinson, Mr. J. Kearsley Mitchell, Provost Edgar F. Smith, Mr. Edward F. Beale, Mr. A. J. County, Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Mr. John P. Connelly, Mr. Geo. H. Frazier, Mr. Samuel Bell, Jr.

Guests from out of town: Mr. W. G. Besler, Mr. Geo. W. Stevens, Hon. John Barrett, Mr. Walter B. Brooks, Mr. Wm. H. Moore, Mr. Wm. J. McClain, Mr. Robert A. Fairbairn, Mr. Carl Grey, Mr. W. H. Truesdale, Mr. Ambrose Monell, Mr. Dwight W. Morrow, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Thos. Cockran, Mr. Arthur W. Thompson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Owing to absence of Secretary, Mr. Biddle acted as Secretary *pro tem.*

A request from Mr. Newbold that the date for his dinner should be changed from April 5th to April 19th, was granted.

The scheduled date for next dinner to be given by Judge Gray February 1st was approved.

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JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

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Secretary.

upon his term of service as Senator from Pennsylvania. In a few words, Mr. Morris expressed the belief that in the present crisis through which our country is passing it was a matter of profound congratulation that a member of this Club whose home is under the shadow of the hills of Valley Forge, should take the spirit of that hallowed spot to Washington, where due appreciation of the patriotism once displayed there, was never more needed than at this moment by those in control of our Government. The members and guests present desired to join in this expression to Senator Knox of their confidence in his abilty to restore and maintain the early traditions of the State of Pennsylvania in its proper place in the councils of the legislative branch of this Government. The Secretary was requested to advise Senator Knox of the sentiment expressed.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 12, 1917.—The Club dined with Judge Gray, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Biddle and the Host.

Mr. Morris acted as Secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting, Mr. Morris offered the following Minute relative to the death of Mr. MacVeagh, prepared by him and approved by Mr. Harrison:

"Mr. MacVeagh was born near Phœnixville, Chester County. Pa., on April 19, 1833. He died at his residence, 1719 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, on January 11, 1917. He became a member of the Farmers' Club in 1893. Upon all his associates in many and various walks of life, he left a lasting appreciation of his attainments, of the alertness and depth of his insight, of the wide scope of his knowledge, and of the broadness of his vision. As Attorney General of the United States, under President Garfield, he became the recognized official head of the Bar of the Nation, and he was also called to serve his country as Minister to Turkey and Ambassador to Italy. These were the just rewards of his never failing public spirit; marked, as it always was, by a complete independence of personal thought and action. His wide knowledge of men as well as of books, the clarity of his speech, the gaiety of his manner, and his cheery outlook, made

the many occasions memorable upon which he acted as host to the Members of this Club, both at his farm, Brookfield, near Bryn Mawr, and also at his residence in Washington."

On motion the Minute was directed to be entered on the records of the Club, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of same to the family of Mr. MacVeagh.

A letter was presented from Senator Knox, dated March 7, 1917, expressing appreciation of action taken at the last meeting. A letter was read from Col. Morrell, expressing his inability, by reason of illness, to entertain the Club in May, and asking that his date be postponed. This was agreed to. The May meeting was allotted to Mr. Biddle in place of July, the exact date in May to be named later by him according to his convenience.

Judge Gray had as guests: Hon. Geo. W. Wickersham, Genl. Jas. H. Wilson, Senator Josiah O. Wolcott, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Hampton L. Carson, Mr. Geo. V. Massey, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. Elisha Lee, Mr. Henry C. Thompson, Mr. Henry Thouren, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Josiah Marvel, Mr. Andrew C. Gray, Mr. Harlan G. Scott.

The following telegram was received:

Washington, D. C., April 12, 1917.

HON. GEO. GRAY,

PHILADELPHIA CLUB, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

I greatly regret that public business of the utmost importance requires me to remain in Washington this evening.

P. C. KNOX.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 17, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. Biddle at his country place, Andalusia. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr Ingersoll, Judge Gray, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Biddle had as guests: General Wilson, Bishop Brent, Judge Martin, Mr. Wm. P. Gest, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Jos. C. Fraley, Mr. Walter Geo. Smith, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Thos. S. Gates and Mr. Arthur Newbold.

Bishop Brent, who had lately returned from the western war front, gave, on request, a most interesting account of his experiences while there.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 7, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his country place, Happy Creek Farms. Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ingersoll, Judge Gray, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Harrison had as guests, Mr. Henry Pepper Vaux, Mr. Frank G. Thomson, Bishop Rhinelander, Mr. John K. Mitchell 3d, Hon. S. Leslie Mestrezat, Mr. Chas. C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Wm. A. Glasgow, Jr., Dr. Wm. C. Fairbee, Hon. Charles Y. Audenreid, Mr. Geo. L. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Geoffrey G. Butler, Major Wm. Kelley, Jr., Mr. John Gribbel, Dr. Geo. B. Gordon, Mr. Jos. C. Fraley, Mr. Elisha J. Lee, Captain Geo. C. Thayer, Mr. Adolph G. Rosengarten, Mr. Harry W. Harrison, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Benjamin Chew, Mr. Archibald Barklie, Mr. Emery McMichael, Mr. S. F. Houston, Mr. Frank Trumbull, Mr. W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Thos. S. Gates, Mr. Lewis A. Riley, Mr. Henry C. Brengle, Mr. J. Levering Jones, Mr. R. H. Trumbull, Mr. Charles Sinkler, Mr. T. P. Chandler, Mr. S. D. Warriner, Mr. John S. Newbold, Mr. W. H. Donner.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 12, 1917.—The Club dined with Senator Knox, at the Metropolitan Club, Washington, at 8 o'clock. Through the courtesy of Mr. Rea, the members were taken by a special car to and from Washington, on which breakfast was served at Philadelphia next morning.

Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, the Host and the Secretary.

Senator Knox had as guests: Hon. Frank D. Brandegee, Hon. Albert B. Cumins, Hon. Joseph S. Frelingluysen, Hon. Warren G. Harding, Hon. Frank K. Kellogg, Hon. Porter J. McCumber, Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, Hon. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Hon. John

W. Weeks, Hon. Frederick Hale, Hon. Hiram W. Johnson, Hon. Henry C. Lodge, Hon. Knute Nelson, Hon. Harry S. New, Hon. Lee S. Overman, Hon. Carroll S. Page, Hon. Boies Penrose, Hon. Reed Smoot, Hon. Nicholas Longworth, Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, Hon. Thomas W. Gregory, Hon. William E. Borah, Hon. George E. Chamberlain, Hon. Francis E. Warren, Hon. Thomas C. Martin, Hon. Charles Curtis, Brig. Genl. Henry P. McClain, Maj. Genl. Erasmus M. Weaver, Mr. J. Reuben Clark, Jr., Mr. Horace Harding, Mr. Justice McReynolds, Mr. Samuel M. Vauclain, Mr. Charles Dyer Norton, Mr. Frederick DeC. Faust, Hon. William Flinn, Hon. Daniel Willard, Mr. Franklin K. Lane, Hon. Swager Shirley, Hon. Atlee Pomerene, Hon. James A. Reed, Hon. Ollie James, Hon. William Denman, Rear Adml. F. F. Fletcher, Maj. Genl. Geo. Barnett, Mr. A. W. Mellon, Mr. H. P. Davison, Mr. H. C. McEldowney, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. William Frew, Mr. Frederick J. Prince, Mr. Charles F. Wilson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 27, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. Ingersoll at his country place, Forest Hill. Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Biddle, Judge Gray, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Ingersoll had as guests, Bishop Rhinelander, Mr. A. E. Newbold, Mr. E. W. Clark, Mr. F. I. Gowen, Mr. E. A. Ballard, Mr. G. H. McFadden, Judge Martin, Mr. Geo. H. Frazier, Mr. Saul, Mr. Mitten, Mr. R. Sturgis Ingersoll.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Cuyler and Judge Gray were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions regarding the death of General Morrell, to whose memory a standing toast was drunk.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 25, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. Rea at his country place, Waverly Heights. Members present: Mr.

arrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Biddle, udge Gray, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Rea had as guests, Genl. Jas. H. Wilson, Mr. A. J. County, Ir. Geo. V. Massey, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Bayard Henry, Ir. Daniel Willard, Mr. Geo. H. McFadden, Mr. Fairfax Harison, Mr. Howard Elliott, Mr. Julius Kruttschnitt, Mr. Hale Iolden, Hon. E. E. Clark.

The following Minutes prepared by Mr. Cuyler and Judge Grey Committee appointed September 27) were unanimously adopted nd copy directed sent to Mrs. Morrell:

" The members of the Farmers' Club assembled as guests of Mr. ngersoll at his dinner on September 27th, heard with great egret the official announcement of the death of their fellow mem- ber, Genl. Edward Morrell. In a small association, such as ours, he death of a member is keenly felt.

"General Morrell was the Senior Active Member of the Club, aving been elected on June 6, 1895, at a meeting held at Mr. assatt's farm, Chesterbrook, to fill a vacancy caused by the leath of Mr. Geo. W. Childs. From the time of his election he vas an active and earnest member of the Club, and his genial resence and courtly manner always contributed to the success f the meetings. He had a winning personality that greatly ndeared him to his fellow members. In many walks of life Gen- ral Morrell filled important and useful positions and always with redit to himself.

" It will be difficult to fill his place and, with great regret and een sorrow, the members of the Club record this expression of he loss they have met and extend to Mrs. Morrell their most sin- ere sympathy."

On motion of Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman was nanimously elected a member of the Club to fill the vacancy aused by the death of Genl. Morrell.

On motion, after reading of Minutes of last meeting, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, November 22, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. uyler at his country place, Edgewood; a special train taking uests to and from New York. Owing to electric light being out f order, no Club meeting was held.

Members attending dinner: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Judge Gray, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests from New York, Mr. Walter D. Hines, Mr. Edward J. Berwind, Mr. Eugene H. Outerbridge, Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Mr. Henry Rogers Winthrop, Mr. Delancy Nicoll, Mr. Newcomb Carlton, Mr. A. D. Julliard, Mr. Seward W. Prosser, Mr. Geo. F. Baker, Jr., Mr. William Woodward, Mr. Theodore P. Shonts, Mr. John B. Lunger, Mr. M. Taylor Pine, Princeton, N. J.; Hon. Wm. C. Sproul, Chester, Pa.; Mr. E. G. Buchland, New Haven, Conn. From Philadelphia, Mr. Geo. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Dr. W. W. Keen, Mr. Geo. H. Frazer, Mr. Jos. E. Widener, Mr. John H. Mason, Mr. Samuel M. Vauclain, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. J. R. McAllister, Mr. Alex. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Clarence R. Lewis, Mr. Horatio G. Lloyd, Mr. John H. Barnes, Mr. Caspar W. Morris, Mr. Geo. H. McFadden, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Hon. Boies Penrose, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn, Mr. Randal Morgan.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, December 20, 1917.—The Club dined with Mr. Fisher at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Judge Gray and the Host.

Mr. Fisher had as guests Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Henry B. Cope, Mr. Pemberton S. Hutchinson, Judge J. Willis Martin, Dr. Caspar Morris, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. Thos. S. Gates, Mr. Edwin N. Benson, Jr., Mr. Leonard T. Beale.

The Minutes of the October and November meetings were read and approved. The following schedule for 1918 dinners, complying with Thursdays before full moon rule, was adopted, provided the change from August to September, as Senator Knox's month, should meet with his approval: January 24, Mr. Stotesbury; February 21, Judge Gray; March 21, Mr. Morris; April 25, Mr. Newbold; May 23, Mr. Cuyler; June 20, Mr. Harrison; July 18, Mr. Biddle, August 15, Mr. Coleman; September 19, Senator

nox; October 17, Mr. Rea; November 14, Mr. Ingersoll; De-mber 12, Mr. Fisher. On motion the meeting adjourned

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, January 24, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Stotes-bury at his town house, 1925 Walnut Street. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Effingham B. Morris was unanimously elected President for 1918. The following schedule for 1918 meetings on Thursdays before full moon was adopted: Mr. Stotesbury, January 24; Mr. Gray, February 21; Mr. Morris, March 21; Mr. Newbold, April 25; Mr. Cuyler, May 23; Mr. Harrison, June 20; Mr. Biddle, July 18; Mr. Knox, September 19; Mr. Rea, October 17; Mr. Ingersoll, November 14; Mr. Fisher, December 12; and Mr. Coleman, August 15.

Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests, Captain George F. Cooper, Pay Director M. McDonald, Commodore G. D. Griffin, Admiral Tappan, Mr. T. E. Mitten, Mr. George D. Dixon, General Walker, Hon. William C. Sproul, Mr. Robert K. Cassatt, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. H. G. Lloyd, Mr. A. F. Dice, Mr. George K. Johnson, Mr. W. P. Gest, Mr. A. A. Jackson, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Dr. Charles D. Hart, Mr. George H. McFadden, Hon. H. K. Boyer, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Robert C. Wright, Mr. Charles E. Mather, Mr. C. F. Fox, Captain Constein, Commander Leiper, Mr. Jay Cooke, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Stanley G. Flagg, Jr.

A series of exceedingly vivid moving pictures after dinner added greatly to the evening's pleasure.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, February 21, 1918.—The Club dined with Judge Gray at the Philadelphia Club. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Judge Gray had as guests, Mr. Charlemagne Tower, Mr. Herbert H. Ward, Judge Martin, Mr. Henry Thouron, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Henry P. Scott, Gen-

eral Wilson, Mr. Elisha Lee, Mr. John Cadwalader, Mr. James E. Hood, Mr. Andrew Gray.

The President and the Secretary were authorized to take such action as they may deem necessary and expedient in regard to preserving the Club's records and printing the same.

The Minutes of the last meeting, January 24th, at Mr. Stotesbury's, were unable to be completed owing to Mr. Stotesbury's absence from home and his secretary being unable to furnish the names of guests attending the dinner.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, March 31, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Morris at his country place, Ty'n-y-Coed. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Judge Gray, Mr. Coleman and the Host.

Mr. Morris had as guests Mr. Benjamin Rush, Mr. Russell Duane, Judge Chas. F. Gummey, Mr. James M. Wilcox, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Trenchard E. Newbold, Mr. Samuel T. Bodine, Mr. George Wood, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Percival Roberts, Mr. Geo. H. McFadden, Mr. Albert A. Jackson, Judge J. Willis Martin, Mr. J. Rodman Paul, Mr. Charlton Yarnall.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Newbold acted as secretary. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Stotesbury stated he would supply the Secretary with his list of guests on January 24th. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, April 25, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Newbold at his country place, Crosswick's House. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Newbold had as guests, Bishop Rhinelander, Mr. Hollbrook, Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Keith, Judge Martin, Mr. J. H. Barnes, Mr. Packard, Mr. A. W. Le Wale, Mr. Yarnall, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. A. E. Newbold.

Admiral Bowles was at the last minute prevented from coming.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter from Mr. Cuyler was read stating he would be glad to give a dinner at his farm on May 23rd, the regular scheduled ate, or, if the Club should prefer, a lunch on Saturday, May 25th.

The Secretary was directed to write Mr. Cuyler that while lunch- and dining with him always gave great pleasure to the mem- s, it was felt that the Thursday rule for monthly meetings ld not be varied from, but that if 5 o'clock on the 23d should suit him better than 6, it would be equally acceptable to the Club.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, May 23, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Cuyler at White Horse Farms, at 5:30 o'clock. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The weather was very favorable, and a beautiful view of the farm and its Jerseys was much enjoyed.

Mr. Cuyler had as guests: Mr. Howard Elliott, Boston; Hon. J. Willis Martin, Genl. Littleton W. T. Waller, Admiral Bowles, Mr. Allen Evans, Mr. Edward Roberts, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Jas. M. Wilcox, Mr. Geo. W. Pepper, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Francis I. Gowan, Mr. Harry Berwind, Mr. Robert K. Cassatt, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Senator W. S. Sproul, Mr. Alex. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Henry Tatnall, Mr. William L. Fry, Mr. Chas. S. DaCosta, Mr. Arthur E. Newbold, Mr. Jos. Wood, Pittsburgh; Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn, Mr. A. A. Jackson, Mr. W. H. Donner, Mr. Geo. H. McFadden, Mr. J. R. McAllister, Mr. Clarence R. Lewis, Mr. B. Gordon Bromley, Mr. C. S. W. Packard, Mr. Caspar Wistar Morris, Mr. W. Hinckle Smith, Hon. W. W. Carr, Mr. Charles E. Coxe, Mr. Sidney W. Keith, Dr. Thos. G. Ashton, Mr. Morris Clothier, Mr. Wm. S. Ellis, Mr. Geo. S. Patterson, Mr. Henry Warden, Mr. Thos. S. Gates, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Jay Cooke, Mr. Geo. Wood, Mr. Edward F. Beale, Mr. Alexander B. Coxe, Mr. Harry L. Geyelin, Mr. Elisha Lee.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, June 20, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Harrison at his country place, Happy Creek Farms. Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Judge Gray, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Harrison had as guests: Mr. Thos. S. Gates, Mr. E. P. Passmore, Mr. Jas. M. Willcox, Mr. Wm. H. Donner, Mr. John H. Mason, Mr. Geo. L. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Albert Atlee Jackson, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. A. W. Sewall, Mr. Alba B. Johnson, Judge J. Willis Martin, Mr. J. Rutherford McAllister, Mr. Chas. C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. S. Pemberton H. Hutchinson, Mr. Richard L. Austin, Mr. Randal Morgan, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. Jay Cooke 3d, Mr. Elisha Lee, Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Mr. Geo. A. Elliott, Mr. C. E. McMichael, Mr. Wm. A. Law, Mr. H. W. Harrison, Judge John M. Gest, Mr. Wm. C. Sproul, Mr. Porter, British Consul.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, July 18, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Biddle at his country place, Andalusia. Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Biddle had as guests: Judge Martin, Judge Gest, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. Howard Heinz, Mr. Walter George Smith, Mr. J. Rodman Paul, Bishop Rhinelander, Mr. William Potter, Mr. J. Percy Keating, Mr. Arthur Morton, Rev. Percy J. Brown.

The beautiful views of the Delaware River and of the old, most attractive garden were much enjoyed.

Mr. Coleman stated that he expected to have his dinner on August 15, at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, August 15, 1918.—The Club dined with Mr. Coleman at The Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Members present: Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Rea, Mr. Ingersoll, the Host and the Secretary.

Mr. Coleman had as guests, Mr. J. M. Cameron, Mr. Edward R. Coleman, Mr. Geo. H. Frazier, Mr. J. R. McAllister, Admiral Francis T. Bowles, Mr. Wm. C. Sproul, Mr. E. C. Felton, Mr. Howard Heinz, Mr. W. Hinckle Smith, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. A. A. Jackson, Mr. C. H. Markham, Mr. Charles M. Schwab, Mr. Elisha Lee, Mr. C. H. Ewings, Mr. S. M. Vauclain, Mr. Henry M. Watts, Mr. S. D. Warriner, Mr. Julian Story, Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Mr. Percy Madeira, Mr. Jay Cooke, Mr. John E. Zimmerman.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary was requested to notify Senator Knox that the scheduled date for September, the month assigned to him, was the 19th. On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, September 19, 1918.—The Club dined with Senator Knox at the Metropolitan Club, Washington, at eight o'clock. The large proportion of the guests were Senators who from their knowledge of and connection with important legislative matters greatly added to the interest of the dinner. Owing to prohibition requirements of Washington, cider was substituted for wine. A toast to the armed forces of the Nation, proposed by the Host, was drunk, standing. The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. It was suggested that the Secretary notify Mr. Rea that the scheduled dinner date for his month, October, was the 17th.

Members present: Mr. Morris, Mr. Ingersoll, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman, the Host and the Secretary.

Senator Knox had as guests: Mr. Henry R. Rea, Mr. J. D. Lyon, Hon. J. Francis Burke, Mr. Percy R. Pyne, Col. Preston Davis, Hon. Frank B. Brandegee, Hon. Jos. S. Frelinghuysen, Hon. Frederick Hale, Hon. Warren G. Harding, Hon. Frank B. Kellogg, Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, Hon. Charles L. McNary, Hon. Harry S. New, Major J. Reuben Clark, Jr., Mr. F. De C. Faust, Mr. Huntington Wilson, Hon. Albert B. Fall, Hon. John B. Kendrick, Mr. Atlee Pomerene, Hon. Wm. M. Calder, Hon. Henry F. Ashurst, Mr. Charles McKnight, Mr. Warren F. Martin, General P. C. Harris, Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, Captain Chas.

F. Johnson, Hon. Miles Poindexter, Mr. P. C. Knox, Jr., Major R. E. Strawbridge, Hon. F. M. Simmons.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

Thursday, October 17, 1918.—The Farmers' Club met at Waverly Heights, the home of Mr. Samuel Rea, at six o'clock, and dined with the Host and his guests.

Members present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Mr. Cuyler, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Morris, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman and the Host.

In the absence of Mr. Jas. Logan Fisher, Mr. Rea acted as Secretary. Mr. Rea had as guests: Mr. C. M. Schwab, Mr. Tatnall, Admiral F. T. Bowles, Mr. Howard Elliott, Mr. C. H. Markham, Mr. Bayard Henry, Mr. S. M. Felton, Mr. A. J. County.

Mr. C. E. Ingersoll had written to Mr. Rea regretting his absence from the dinner and requesting that his dinner for the month of November be allotted to some other member; whereupon it was

Resolved, that out of respect and sympathy for our brother member, Mr. Ingersoll, who has met with the loss of his son, Captain Harry Ingersoll of Company "H," 313th Infantry, who died of wounds received in action on September 26, 1918, at the front in France, the Club omit its meeting and dinner in the month of November.

Mr. Morris, the President, reported that the compilation of the manuscript minutes and printing of the same had been progressing, and that he found the expense for printing at this time was so great that he hesitated to go on with the work of reprinting the volumes of Minutes of some years past, copies of which are now not available beyond two or three in the Secretary's possession.

Whereupon it was on motion

Resolved, that the President be authorized to ascertain and report what it will cost to reprint the Minutes of the Club in full in one volume up to date.

The President formally announced the death of our Honorary Member, the late J. Donald Cameron, whereupon Mr. T. DeWitt

Cuyler was requested to prepare an appropriate minute and present the same to the Club at its next meeting.

As the guests arrived they brought word that Ostend had been taken by the British and Belgians.

Mr. S. M. Felton, Director-General of Military Railways, one of the guests, who recently returned from an official visit to France and England, gave an interesting account of his experiences and observations. On motion the meeting of the Club then adjourned.

(Signed) SAMUEL REA,
Acting Secretary.

JAMES LOGAN FISHER,
Secretary.

A meeting of the Farmer's Club was held at the home of Mr. Edward T. Stotesbury, 1925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on Thursday, January 16, 1919, at eight o'clock.

Members present: Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Mr. Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Mr. Clement B. Newbold, Mr. B. Dawson Coleman, and the host.

A letter was read from Mr. James Logan Fisher, Secretary of the Club, addressed to Mr. Effingham B. Morris, President of the Club, expressing his wish to be relieved from the duties of Secretary and accordingly tendering his resignation, and asking Mr. Morris to express to the members his appreciation of the unfailing courtesy shown him during his entire term of service.

As Mr. Morris was unavoidably absent from the meeting, he had asked Mr. Stotesbury to present this letter from Mr. Fisher; and to say that he had responded to it by expressing the hope that Mr. Fisher would not press his resignation unless he felt that it was really necessary for him to be relieved of the burden of the position.

This action by Mr. Morris was cordially approved by the members, and it was moved that should Mr. Fisher adhere to his expressed desire, inquiry should be made of Mr. Morris whether it would be agreeable for him to assume the duties of Secretary of the club.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests the following gentlemen:

Hon. Charles Y. Audenreid, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Arthur E. Newbold, Captain John M. Walton, J. R. McAllister, Randall Morgan, George H. Frazier, A. T. Dice, W. J. Richards, W. Hinckle Smith, W. G. Besler, E. E. Loomis, C. H. Ewing, George

McFadden, John B. Townsend, William Potter, Most Rev. D. J. Dougherty, Rt. Rev. P. M. Rhinelander, D. D., Levi L. Rue, Admiral C. H. Hughes, Captain G. C. Cooper, Admiral J. M. Helm, Captain M. C. MacDonald, Col. C. D. Hof, William A. Law, Thomas S. Gates, Hon. Charlemagne Tower, Arthur W. Sewall, William H. Truesdale, W. H. White, F. D. Underwood, Moorhead C. Kennedy, Joseph E. Widener, Charles A. Piez.

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

EDWARD T. STOTESBURY,
Secretary pro tem.

A meeting of the Farmer's Club was held on Thursday, February 13, 1919, at the Philadelphia Club at 7.30 P. M.

Members present: Judge Gray, Messrs. Coleman, Harrison, Cuyler, Fisher, and Morris.

Minutes of the January meeting sent by Mr. Stotesbury read and approved, and Mr. Morris endeavored to induce Mr. Fisher to withdraw his resignation as Secretary presented at last meeting. Mr. Fisher adhered, however, to his wish to be relieved, and at the request of the other members Mr. Morris accepted the position as Secretary tendered to him in his absence at the last meeting of the Club.

Mr. Rea was elected President for the present year to succeed Mr. Morris.

Judge Gray had as guests the following gentlemen:

C. Stuart Patterson, Col. J. P. Jervey, John Cadwalader, Elisha Lee, Major Whitlock, James E. Hood, A. C. Gray, General James H. Wilson, Sidney Keith, Josiah Marvel, Henry Thouron, Henry P. Scott, Gov. Wm. H. Sproul, George V. Massey, Judge W. H. Moore.

Mr. Cuyler read a minute prepared by him upon the death of Hon. J. Donald Cameron, which by direction of those present was ordered to be recorded as part of the minutes of the Club meeting in October last.

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

A meeting of the Farmer's Club was held on Thursday, March 13, 1919, at "Ty'n-y-Coed," the residence of Mr. Effingham B. Morris near Ardmore.

Present: Mr. Harrison, Mr. Stotesbury, Judge Gray, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Coleman, and the host.

Judge Gray was called to the chair in the absence of Mr. Samuel Rea, President of the Club for this year, who telegraphed from Washington that he was detained there by important business with the United States Federal Railroad Administration. Senator Knox was absent in Florida enjoying a well-earned rest upon the adjournment of the Senate on March 4, after an arduous session. Mr. Cuyler was absent in the West upon business as Chairman of the Railway Executives Committee, and Mr. Fisher was absent by reason of a heavy cold. Mr. Ingersoll was also absent in Florida.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Newbold stated as it would not be convenient for him to entertain the Club upon the scheduled date in April, at his country residence—as he desired to do—he asked that a later date might be allotted to him if this could be arranged without conflict with the dates of other members.

Mr. Coleman inquired whether it would be agreeable to the members to come to his farm near Elizabethtown upon the date for his dinner in August; the time required for the trip being about three hours by automobile each way.

Both these matters were referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Newbold and Mr. Coleman in order that such arrangements might be made, if possible, to suit the convenience of all members of the Club. Mr. Morris' residence "Ty'n-y-Coed" (a Welsh name meaning House in the Woods) is built on a wooded hill containing forty acres overlooking the valley of Mill Creek. A few Guernsey cows are kept here for family use, and such portion of the land as is not wooded is utilized in lawn, vegetable garden, and pasture meadows at the bottom of the hill along Mill Creek. Mr. Morris' farm is four miles from Bristol, Bucks County, and contains 525 acres, known as "Bolton Farm." It came to him by inheritance, the patent from William Penn to the original owner in the family being in his possession, constituting the initial title transmitted by wills of intermediate owners since 1692.

Mr. Morris had as guests:

Judge Charles Y. Audenried, Dr. Robert G. LeConte, Judge John M. Gest, Judge J. Willis Martin, Mr. Arthur W. Sewall, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. Horatio G. Lloyd, Mr. James Crosby

Brown, Mr. John Hampton Barnes, Provost Edgar F. Smith, Mr. Albert Atlee Jackson, Mr. George L. Harrison, Jr., Mr. Trenchard E. Newbold, Mr. Allen Evans, Mr. John Cadwalader.

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

The Club dined with Mr. Thomas De Witt Cuyler at White Horse Farms on Wednesday, May 28, 1919. At the meeting of the Club, Mr. Rea presided as President this year. In the absence of Mr. Morris, Mr. Cuyler acted as Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and Mr. Charles C. Harrison was authorized to have the next dinner on Thursday, June 12th.

The following gentlemen were present:

Members of the Club: Messrs. Biddle, Coleman, Cuyler, James Logan Fisher, Judge Gray, Charles C. Harrison, Ingersoll, Newbold, Rea, Stotesbury

Guests from New York: Messrs. Edward J. Berwind, George F. Baker, George F. Baker, Jr., Howard Elliott, Charles Hayden, Ivy Lee, Ogden Mills, Dwight Morrow, Charles D. Norton, Hon. Morgan J. O'Brien, William Church Osborn, Ralph Peters, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, T. P. Shonts, William Woodward, Charles H. Zehnder.

Guests from Philadelphia: Messrs. B. Gordon Bromley, Edward F. Beale, Archibald Barklie, John Cadwalader, Henry B. Coxe, Theodore W. Cramp, E. W. Clark, Harry A. Berwind, Agnew T. Dice, Allen Evans, George H. Frazier, William L. Fry, Francis I. Gowen, S. Pemberton Hutchinson, A. A. Jackson, Sidney W. Keith, C. Hartman Kuhn, C. R. Lewis, Elisha Lee, T. E. Mitten, C. W. Morris, George H. McFadden, J. R. McAllister, Percy C. Madeira, George McFadden, A. E. Newbold, C. S. W. Packard, George S. Patterson, Levi L. Rue, W. Hinckle Smith, Robert E. Strawbridge, Charlemagne Tower, Henry Tatnall, Alexander Van Rensselaer, James M. Willcox, George Wood, Charlton Yarnall.

Guest from Coopersburg, Penna: Mr. T. S. Cooper.

Guests from Wilmington, Delaware: Gen. Coleman DuPont, Mr. Henry B. Thomson.

Guest from Lancaster, Penna.: Hon. Frank B. McClain.

Guest from Allentown, Penna.: Gen. Trexler.

Guests from Washington, D. C.: Messrs. S. C. Neele, A. P. Thom.

Guests from Pittsburgh, Penna.: Messrs. J. J. Turner, Joseph Wood.

White Horse Farms now contains approximately one thousand acres. Mr. Cuyler maintains there probably the largest herd of registered Jersey cattle in America. Including calves and heifers he has over three hundred animals, many of advanced registry; and all exhibiting the finest quality of the breed. It is Mr. Cuyler's custom to serve dinner to his guests on the lawn at the farm and to have the choicest specimens of his herd either tethered nearby, or led past the guests for their inspection. This adds greatly to the pleasure and interest of all meetings of the Club at White Horse Farms. Mr. Cuyler's farm is one of the most noted in the country. It is most beautifully situated over rolling hills and well watered valleys. All the extensive farm buildings are of the most substantial character and contain every improvement known on modern farm management. His Jerseys take first prizes wherever exhibited throughout the country and the blood of his great bulls "Oxford Lad" and "Gamboge's Knight" is carried by their sons and daughters, the herd being now headed by the son and the grandson of "Gamboge's "Knight," called "Gamboge's Knight's" Successor and "Tiddle-winks Majesty."

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

Mr. Charles C. Harrison entertained the Club at "Happy Creek Farms," St. Davids, Penna., on Thursday, June 12, 1919.

In the absence of Mr. Rea, Mr. Cuyler presided at the meeting. The dinner in July will be given on the 10th proximo by Mr. Charles Biddle at Andalusia.

The weather was propitious and the members again enjoyed—as they have frequently done heretofore—the beautiful country in view from the terraces at Mr. Harrison's home, and admired the large flock of sheep grazing on the lawns nearby.

Happy Creek Farms contain 286¼ acres.

In addition to the host there were present members of the Club: Messrs. Fisher, Stotesbury, Cuyler, Morris, Biddle.

Mr. Harrison had as his guests: Mr. William A. Glasgow, Jr., Judge Martin, Mr. James M. Wilcox, Dr. Alfred Stengel, Mr. George L. Harrison, Jr., Mr. John Bassett Moore, Mr. R. Francis Wood, Dr. W. C. Farabee, Mr. W. H. Hutt, Jr., Mr. W. Hinckle Smith, Mr. Russell Duane, Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Mr. A. A. Jackson, Mr. H. P. McKean, Mr. Adolph Rosengarten, Mr.

Jacob S. Waln, Mr. Charlton Yarnall, Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson, Mr. Charles C. Zantzinger, Mr. T. P. Porter, Mr. Francis A. Lewis, Mr. George W. Wickersham, Mr. C. E. McMichael, Mr. Thomas D. Smith, Judge Gest, Mr. Thomas S. Gates, Admiral Hughes, Dr. Ashton, Dr. Gibbon, Mr. Louis R. Page, Mr. George A. Elliott, Mr. Agnew T. Dice, Mr. Albert L. Smith, Mr. Benjamin Chew, Mr. Thomas Robins, Mr. Marshall S. Morgan, Mr. William H. Donner, Mr. Joseph Wayne, Jr.

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

A meeting of the Farmer's Club was held at "Andalusia," the home of Mr. Charles Biddle, on Thursday, July 10, 1919, at six o'clock, Mr. Samuel Rea, President of the Club, in the chair. The members present were: Messrs. James Logan Fisher, Edward T. Stotesbury, T. De Witt Cuyler, Effingham B. Morris, Charles Edward Ingersoll, B. Dawson Coleman, and the host.

The weather was pleasant enough before dinner to permit a stroll across the lawn on the banks of the Delaware River, and an inspection of the beautiful old walled garden followed, where Mr. Charles Biddle's uncle, the late Judge Craig Biddle, entertained the Club at the July meetings for so many years in the past. The acreage of Andalusia remains the same, about 120 acres. Descendants of the original herd of Guernsey cattle imported by Mr. Charles Biddle's grandfather, the Hon. Nicholas Biddle, President of the Bank of the United States, are in profit on the farm today.

Mr. Biddle had as guests: Mr. Thomas S. Gates, William A. Glasgow, Esq., Mr. Arthur B. Morton, Judge J. Willis Martin, Mr. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Joseph C. Fraley, Esq., R. Francis Wood, Esq., President of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, Major Charles J. Biddle, U. S. Army, Major Effingham B. Morris, Jr., U. S. Army, Mr. Henry G. Brengle, Judge John Marshall Gest, and Brig.-Gen. W. Wallace Atterbury, U. S. Army.

As sometimes happens at this season of the year, a heavy thunder shower came up during dinner, which in accord with the custom was served in the library, in the midst of many books and other reminders of Nicholas Biddle. The contentment of those present was not disturbed by the war of the elements outside, and their satisfaction under the genial hospitality of the host was increased by the presence of his son, Major Charles J. Biddle, who had

eturned from France since the dinner of the Club in July, 1918, ter recovery from wounds received in gallant service in the Aviation Corps of both the French and American Armies. Two ther officers of the American Expeditionary Forces who had lso just returned from France were present, as indicated in the oregoing list of guests.

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

Mr. B. Dawson Coleman entertained the Farmers' Club on Thursday, August 7, 1919, at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club on the Old York Road near Philadelphia, it having been ound inconvenient for the members and his guests to go to his arm near Lebanon at this time of the year. Members present in ddition to the host were: Messrs. Charles Edward Ingersoll, James Logan Fisher, and Effingham B. Morris. In the absence of the President, Mr. James Logan Fisher presided. The next regular neeting of the Club is scheduled for Thursday, September 4th, nd will be held at such place as suits the convenience of Hon. Philander C. Knox. Mr. Coleman had as guests, in addition to he above-named members of the Club, the following gentlemen: General W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Frederick L. Baily, Mr. Morris R. Bockius, Mr. Sidney F. T. Brock, Mr. G. Dawson Coleman, Mr. Edward R. Coleman, Mr. Will am E. Corey, Mr. Alva C. Dinkey, Mr. Henry E. Drayton, Mr Edgar C. Felton, Mr. Caleb T. Fox, Mr. George H. Frazier, Mr. Francis I. Gowen, Mr. Andrew Gray, Mr. Albert A. Jackson, Mr. Peter O. Knight, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Mr. J. Rutherford McAllister, Mr. George H. McFadden, Mr. C. Stuart Patterson, Mr. Arthur W. Sewall, Mr. W. Hinckle Smith, Mr. W. Plunkett Stewart, Mr. Samuel M. Vauclain.

The dinner was served in the large room of the Huntingdon Valley Club, which was decorated with farm products and farm utensils. After the dinner a number of addresses were made upon various topics connected with agriculture, politics, the late war, the railroad situation, and the possible "League of Nations," by Messrs. Peter O. Knight, Hon. J. Willis Martin, Arthur W. Sewall, Samuel M. Vauclain, Gen. W. W Atterbury and others.

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Secretary.

culminating in the Armistice of November 11, 1918, he would now ask his guests to fill their glasses with cider—the only beverage available to farmers living under a paternal government—and drink to the toast: "Peace—may it be ratified honorably, constitutionally, speedily, and satisfactorily to all citizens of the United States."

EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS
Secretary

While reading and correcting the proof sheets of this volume, it seemed to the Secretary that it should contain such references as might be available for record of activities of members in any subjects of kin to farming. He accordingly asked Senator Knox to give him an account of his own experience in training trotting horses. Senator Knox replied as follows, and the enclosure from the "Breeder's Gazette" of December 16, 1915, has been filed among the Club's papers and is here reprinted.

UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D. C.

January 23, 1920.

PHILANDER C. KNOX,
Pennsylvania.

MR. EFFINGHAM B. MORRIS,
Care of Girard Trust Company,
Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR MR. MORRIS:

Several years ago I wrote for my friend Mr. Alvin H. Sanders of Chicago for the Christmas number of the "Breeder's Gazette," which he owns and edits, the inclosed story of the best team I have ever driven. I have bred, owned, teamed and driven, many remarkably fast trotters; but this story records the climax of my achievements as a horseman. I hope you may find in it the information you desire.

Cordially yours,

P. C. KNOX.

THE BEST TEAM I HAVE EVER DRIVEN

It is a distinct and pleasant sensation to be asked to write or say something non-political and I therefore gladly comply with your request to give the readers of "The Gazette" some information about the best pair of horses I ever drove. Incidentally I may

for Leek's tough mouth and bad repute I never would have driven my fast mile. I make this statement for reasons which will presently appear.

When the weather settled in the spring of 1900, I sent Leek to Brunot's Island with a trustworthy man under instructions that no one was to drive him but myself. I had made up my mind to teach him obedience to a light hand and to forget all his speeds except to trot. He was a very fast pacer. For several weeks I drove him daily, beginning with a jog and gradually letting him increase his pace up to the point where he began to pull. He soon realized that to pull meant to stop and that speed and a light hand went together. This method was so successful that in July of 1900 I drove him a mile for some of my friends in 2:13, carrying the lines in my left hand with just enough strain upon them to guide him. Later I could touch him with the whip and urge him with my voice without either causing a break or a tug.

One afternoon, I think it was August 8, 1900, I hooked Leek and Wert together for the first time and trotted them a quarter at a 2:17 clip. The following morning I tried them again and dozens of watches reported a full mile in a fraction over 2:16.

I felt they had not done their best and stated my belief that they were then and there prepared to beat the world's record, held at 2:12¾ by the Hamlins of Buffalo, N. Y. A number of my friends were at the track, some of whom were expert drivers, and I proposed that the horses should be driven by the person present whom the majority should decide best qualified. We were all inspired by but one hope and that was that the thing be accomplished. Yielding to the argument that my personal handling of the horses indicated me as the one most likely to succeed, I went to it.

At the start we went under the wire with both horses working like machines. They did the first quarter in 33 seconds, the second quarter in 31¼ seconds, and at the curve of the third quarter Leek, which was at the pole, pulled Wert off his feet and he ran perhaps one hundred yards. By the time Wert steadied down we were within about fifty yards of the wire again and Wert fairly leaped into a burst of speed and with his head turned towards Leek seemed to challenge him to pull him off his feet again if he could. He couldn't do it, of course.

They went into the second mile racing each other and I was

enjoying the sensation of a lifetime. I had sense enough to let them alone. I did not speak to them and held them only firmly enough to steady them and guide them. What a ride it was! One quarter in 31 seconds—a 2:04 gait; the mile in 2:10½ by the slowest watches, many of them reporting 2:10 and 2:10¼, and none slower than 2:10½. There was neither skip, hitch nor break during the whole mile. They finished as they began, like machines, and amidst yells and hurrahs from the spectators whose hats and coats were flung into the air, indicating their generous enthusiasm.

Well, that was "the best pair of horses I ever drove" and from them I learned several things of interest.

First, that a pair of horses can, under proper conditions, go faster than the slower of the two can go single.

Second, that the way to train two horses to go a fast mile at the pole is to train them separately up to the last moment. Do not train them together, as one will learn to "soldier" on the other.

Third, if you want a horse to do his best put as little of your own personality into the performance as possible. This applies especially to pulling at a horse. He can beat you at that game and as the check rein should be sufficient to steady him the driving reins should be used mainly for guiding.

I have always loved a horse and for many years I was at a loss to discover the reason for my affection. It did not come from early association with him. My father was employed on a small salary, had twelve children and therefore did not keep horses. It was not until my brother, a young doctor, returned from the war in 1865 that we had a horse in the family, and he was kept primarily for use in a country medical practice, and my relation to him was that for services rendered in feeding, cleaning and bedding him and the other incidental labors connected with his maintenance, I could exercise him when he needed it. I am sure my brother was a good doctor, but somehow, fortunately for me, that horse needed a lot of exercise and I learned to ride.

The mystery of my passion for the horse was finally solved. My gentle mother, of whom Dr. John A. Brashear, the great astronomer, once wrote, "she was more nearly a wingless angel than anyone I have ever known," being on her way to the Pacific coast, stopped several days with me at my home in Pittsburgh. Yielding to my persuasion, to the charm of a brilliant October afternoon, and to my specific promise that I would drive slowly, she, notwithstanding

her seventy-five years, went for a drive with me behind as quiet and swift a little mare as could be desired.

With literal adherence to my promise Dolly jogged along and we enjoyed the day. Presently an alertness in the mare, which could be felt rather than seen, indicated something coming behind. With one eye on the little lady in the seat and the other on the one in the shafts, I let the latter have her way gradually without seeming to disturb the former. In a moment we were stepping some, but not enough, for with a whiz and a cloud of dust we had been passed. This was a new experience for the mare. She resented it and was soon in full pursuit. I had not yet gotten fully into the game. I still felt the restraint of my promise and while hesitating what to do I felt a motion at my side and turning saw my mother tightening her bonnet strings and in tones of excited pleasure she said, "There, Phil, there is a wide place; you can pass him there"; and we did.

I have never since doubted where I got my love for a horse.

The Club dined with Mr. Samuel Rea at his farm "Waverley Heights," three miles northeast of Bryn Mawr, on Thursday, October 9, 1919, at six o'clock, instead of October 2, the regular date before the full moon, because Mr. Rea had been asked to deliver an address on the former date in St. Louis before the Bankers' Association, and therefore postponed the date of his dinner. The hour of 5.30 P.M. was named for a meeting before the dinner in order to give opportunity to visit the farm buildings and to see the stock, but unfortunately bad weather conditions interfered.

At the meeting there were present the following members of the Club, besides the host: Messrs. James Logan Fisher, Charles C. Harrison, Edward T. Stotesbury, T. DeWitt Cuyler, Clement B. Newbold, Effingham B. Morris, Charles Edward Ingersoll, Honorable George Gray, and B. Dawson Coleman.

Senator Knox was unable to leave Washington and Mr. Charles Biddle was absent by reason of the recent death of a relative.

Mr. Rea reported the satisfactory condition of his peach orchard; from a portion of which, now in full bearing, he had sold this year some eight hundred baskets at good prices, being the yield largely from three hundred trees out of a total of about five hundred trees; an additional quantity of fruit being naturally retained for his family

and other purposes. A young orchard of over four hundred trees now in its second year he reported as showing remarkable growth; and he attributed the good condition of his trees to particularly favorable soil conditions for peaches which obtain in the neighborhood of his farm; but, curiously enough, are not observed uniformly, being restricted to comparatively small areas sometimes on the same farm or on adjoining farms outwardly showing similar appearances. He had also, of course, sprayed the trees carefully. Mr. Rea thought his peach crop was relatively the most profitable crop to which he could devote the few acres used for the orchard out of a total of one hundred and five acres composing his farm "Waverley Heights," which lies on the high ground overlooking the Schuylkill River with wide and beautiful views.

Mr. Rea also reported he had already sown fourteen acres of winter wheat and that the result of his wheat harvest this year was fair; but owing to the unprecedented wet weather in July, the potato crop was only about forty per cent. of normal.

Mr. Cuyler reported that he had recently sold a Jersey bull calf and five heifer calves in one lot to a purchaser in the State of Wyoming for eight thousand two hundred dollars.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Newbold each reported their usual purchases at this time of year of a number of steers to carry over the winter months, principally for the manure thus provided; as owing to the increasing use of automobiles and the decreasing use of horses in cities the price of manure from those market sources of supply is extremely high; and it is also hard to get. Several other members also reported the condition of their wheat, corn, and potato crops.

The next meeting of the Club under the schedule for the year would be on Thursday, November sixth, with Mr. Ingersoll as the host; but as Mr. Ingersoll expected to move from his farm early in November to his city residence for the winter, he expressed a preference for the Club to dine with him there this year instead of in the country; and the date was therefore postponed to suit his convenience until Thursday, November 13, 1919.

Mr. Rea had as guests the following gentlemen: Mr. Henry Walters, General W. W. Atterbury, Mr. Howard Elliott, Mr. M. C. Brush, Colonel M. C. Kennedy, Mr. A. J. County.

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Secretary.

The Club dined with Mr. Charles Edward Ingersoll at his town residence, 1815 Walnut Street, on Thursday, November 20, 1919, at eight o'clock.

At the meeting held before dinner there were present the following members of the Club in addition to the host: Messrs. James Logan Fisher, Charles C. Harrison, Edward T. Stotesbury, Clement B. Newbold, Effingham B. Morris, Hon. George Gray, B. Dawson Coleman, and Mr. Samuel Rea, the President for this year, in the Chair. Mr. Charles Biddle and Senator Knox were absent. Mr. Ingersoll stated that the date of the dinner had been postponed one week to suit other engagements of Mr. Cuyler, but he regretted that the latter had been called to Chicago as Chairman of the Railway Executive Board, and therefore was still unable to join us. The Secretary was ordered to note the fact and the reason for postponement of this meeting.

The next scheduled date falling on December 4th, it was decided to postpone it for one week on account of the lateness of the meeting this month. Mr. Fisher exchanged his December date for Mr. Stotesbury's regular date in January at the latter's request, owing to his possible absence from Philadelphia in January. The Club will accordingly dine with Mr. Stotesbury on December 11, 1919, and with Mr. Fisher in January.

The minutes of the October meeting at Mr. Rea's farm, "Waverley Heights," were read and approved.

Mr. Ingersoll stated that he had learned of the sale by Mr. Morris of mules, bred—and alleged to have been broken—by him at his "Bolton Farm," Bucks County; and asked that Mr. Morris should be compelled to disclose the details and also the price received; so that other members might have information in case they wished to compete in the possibilities of raising mules as well as horses and cows. Mr. Morris, on being cross-examined, admitted he had thoughtlessly added to the number of horses and colts on his farm by breeding an old mare to a Jack available for service in the neighborhood, and had secured three mule colts from her in three years. He had named the first "John-the-Baptist," from the loudness of his voice, as heard from the woods near the pasture; the second "Rebecca-at-the-Well," from her persistent calls upon her mother; and the third "Salome," from her delight in a constant pastime of kicking her oldest brother in the ribs.

The price secured for these mule colts with wholly uncertain manners was $600. Mr. Morris confessed his own inability to sell them at any price. But the transaction was consummated by his son, Major Morris, of the 313th Infantry, U. S. A., who, through familiarity with the tempers of Army mules for three years past on the Mexican border and in France, was able to show only the attractive side of their natures to the buyer. Mr. Morris said he had used the money—with some more added thereto—in purchasing three Percheron mares. From these he hoped to raise draft horses to add to several colts he already had on his farm out of a thoroughbred mare " Miss Karl," by his thoroughbred stallion "Medlar, Jr.," a son of the great "Medlar," belonging to the late William C. Whitney, who ran for several years under the Whitney colors.

Mr. Ingersoll had intended to give the Club, at this dinner—before the arid season of prohibition should finally parch the throats of farmers as well as their fields—a bottle of very fine brandy, left to him many years ago by his uncle, Mr. John Hobart Warren. The bottle had been carefully sealed and marked as given to Mr. Warren by the late J. Pierpont Morgan, Esq., who had originally purchased it as part of the stock of Louis Phillipe, some time King of France. The bottle bore the seal of the royal arms. On opening it just before dinner Mr. Ingersoll found that it had been tampered with, and was now no longer drinkable. The regret of the Club was manifest and poignant. Mr. Stotesbury had a vivid remembrance of the excellence of this brandy of Mr. Morgan's. For this reason a general confidence was expressed by the members of the Club, that as Mr. Morgan's surviving partner, Mr. Stotesbury probably still had access to cellars of original value—which might be available for distribution to repair the present disaster.

Other crops of all the members having apparently been safely garnered into their barns for this season, there were no further reports at this meeting. It was therefore adjourned to enjoy Mr. Ingersoll's hospitality, which was graced by the presence of Mrs. and Miss Ingersoll until dinner was served.

Much to the Club's regret the ladies did not remain longer.

Mr. Ingersoll had as his guests Mr. Harry Bronner; Mr. R. Brent Kayser; Mr. Arthur E. Newbold; Mr. W. Hinckle Smith;

Mr. George H. Frazier; Mr. George H. McFadden; Mr. Charles J. Rhoads, Mr. Arthur W. Sewall.

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The Farmer's Club dined with Mr. Stotesbury at his city residence, Number 1925 Walnut Street, on Thursday, December 11, 1919, at six o'clock; that hour being fixed by him instead of the customary later hour for dinners of the Club when held in the city, in order to enable some of his guests from New York to return the same evening.

In addition to the host, the following members of the Club were present: Messrs. James Logan Fisher, Charles C. Harrison, Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, Clement B. Newbold, Effingham B. Morris, Charles Edward Ingersoll, Samuel Rea, B. Dawson Coleman.

Judge Gray, Senator Knox, and Mr. Charles Biddle were absent.

Mr. Rea took the chair as President for 1919, and the minutes of the November meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

A tentative draft of the dates for the dinners during the coming year of 1920 had been sent by the Secretary to each member of the Club prior to this meeting. The same were approved and the regular engraved schedule date card was directed to be prepared accordingly.

Mr. Cuyler reported further sales by him of Jersey heifers and bulls raised at his White Horse Farm, for which he had secured a continuance of satisfactory prices.

Mr. Stotesbury referred to his ownership of highly bred trotting horses, as well as his experience in racing them on the regular trotting circuits of the country; and the Secretary was requested to duly note the same. As all the members of the Club know, for many years Mr. Stotesbury took a great interest in owning, training, exhibiting, and racing, trotting horses. His horses were shown regularly at all the leading horse shows in this country, including those near Philadelphia at Wissahickon, Devon, and Bryn Mawr; the National Horse Show Association, New York; and the shows at Chicago, Syracuse, Long Branch, Kansas City, Washington, Wilmington, Baltimore, and Boston. At the International Horse Show in London in 1909 he drove his own horses in the ring and received the First Prize Cup. As a member, then of the Executive Committee of the International Horse Show Asso-

ciation, he arranged to have all the exhibits of American horses shown before the King and Queen.

Mr. Stotesbury owned "Sweet Marie," the fastest trotting mare of her time, with a record of 2:02¼; and she was driven for him by Billy Andrews at Allentown on October 16, 1907, in a race against "Major Delmar," who had a record of 1:59¾, made, however, behind a wind-shield. On this occasion "Sweet Marie" won two straight heats, beating "Major Delmar," the first time in 2.10 and the second in 2.08.

Some years ago Mr. Stotesbury exhibited at Belmont track, Philadelphia, a double team which trotted a mile in 2:15; at that time the world's record was 2:13¼. He has many championship ribbons and first prizes won at nearly every show where his horses have been exhibited.

He has been Vice-President, and later President for two years, of the New York Horse Show Association. Owing to the present changed conditions in the surface of roads, which, of course, has been necessary for their use by automobiles, the driving of horses has become practically neither safe nor pleasant on the public highways. He has therefore disposed of his horses, although he is thus deprived of his former daily recreation of driving from his home in the country to his office in Philadelphia through Fairmount Park.

Mr. Stotesbury had as guests the following gentlemen: Honorable William C. Sproul, Governor of Pennsylvania; Honorable J. Hampton Moore, Mayor of Philadelphia; Mr. C. H. Ewing; Mr. J. Kearsley Mitchell; Mr. Samuel M. Vauclain; General W. W. Atterbury; Colonel John C. Groome; Admiral C. H. Hughes; Mr. Arthur W. Sewall; Mr. Arthur E. Newbold; Mr. George Wood; Mr. Agnew T. Dice; Mr. W. J. Richards; Mr. Charlton Yarnall; Honorable William I. Schaffer; Mr. E. E. Loomis; Mr. F. D. Underwood; Mr. Daniel Willard; Mr. W. G. Besler; Mr. D. W. Morrow; Mr. John N. Willys; Honorable John Barrett; Mr. J. Leonard Replogle; Captain Charles E. Clark; Admiral W. S. Benson; Mr. H. G. Lloyd; Mr. Thomas E. Mitten; Mr. Lincoln K. Passmore; Mr. S. Pemberton Hutchinson; Mr. Henry G. Brengle; Mr. J. H. Mull.

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